

# A Bersatu PC that never was

## Those waiting for Redzuan and Shahrudin were left stumped

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**PETALING JAYA:** Talk of two Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia (Bersatu) ministers quitting their posts amidst ongoing political uncertainty turned into a media frenzy.

Information had spread on social media claiming that Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Redzuan Md Yusof and Deputy Works Minister Datuk

Shahrudin Mohd Salleh would be holding a press conference at Bersatu headquarters yesterday evening.

Their purported joint press conference had fuelled talk that they would be announcing their resignation from their positions, pushing the nation towards another political crisis, less than three months after a change of government.

This announcement at the Bersatu headquarters had coincid-

ed with a surprise visit by Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad who had given a press conference insisting he was still Bersatu chairman following his 'sacking' from the party on Thursday.

Media personnel, who were waiting for Redzuan and Shahrudin, however were stumped when a statement was issued later yesterday evening by the former's office denying that a press conference would be held.

"The office denies the viral news

and no press conference will be held by the minister's office.

"This is because the minister is currently undergoing quarantine," said the press statement issued by Redzuan's political secretary.

Redzuan is MP for Alor Gajah while Shahrudin is MP for Sri Gading.

Talk of them aligning themselves with Dr Mahathir comes after Bersatu had sacked the former premier and four other Bersatu MPs from the party on Thursday.