

Dr M: Pejuang to stay out of Melaka polls

KUALA LUMPUR: Parti Pejuang Tanahair will neither contest in the Nov 20 Melaka election nor will it lend support to other parties or plant proxies, said its chairman, Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

He said Pejuang disagreed with the way the Melaka political crisis was being handled, saying that the election was sparked by politicians who were obsessed with playing games instead of fulfilling their duties to the country.

"These people are not serious in politics.

"We enter politics because we

want to serve the nation, but they only want to serve themselves.

"When they revoked their support for the state government (on Oct 4), they thought they could replace the government, which didn't happen.

"Pejuang is worried that if this election is held, we may face a bigger threat in terms of a Covid-19 outbreak.

"This is why we feel the election is unnecessary and, therefore, Pejuang will not contest this election," he

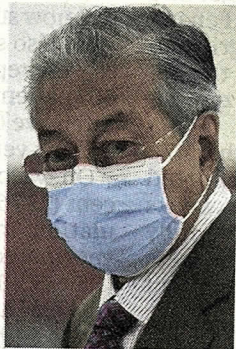
said during a press conference aired live on social media plat-

forms.

On Oct 4, former Melaka chief minister Datuk Seri Idris Haron from Umno, along with Datuk Nor Azman Hassan (BN-Pantai Kundor), Datuk Noor Effandi Ahmad (PN-Telok Mas), and Datuk Norhizam Hassan Baktee (Independent-Pengkalan Batu), withdrew their support for the Melaka government.

Idris said they revoked their support for the state government because they were dissatisfied with the set-up where Sulaiman was the state chief while Ab Rauf Yusoh was the Melaka Umno liaison chairman and state assembly speaker.

Polling for the election is on Nov 20, while nomination is on Nov 8 and early voting on Nov 16.



Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad