

# DR M CAMPAIGNING IN JOHOR TO SHARE PEJUANG'S VISION

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**F**ORMER prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad's move to campaign in Johor is motivated by his intention to share Parti Pejuang Tanah Air's (Pejuang) vision and purpose with Johor voters.

This is first time the 97-year-old Pejuang chairman is going down



*Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad*

to the ground to campaign since he was admitted to and discharged from the National Heart Institute (IJN) in January.

The first programme in his schedule was a lunch event with the Chinese Chamber of Commerce in Ayer Hitam at 12.30pm.

It was followed by Program Aspirasi Johor in Felda Air Hitam at 2pm.

Pejuang president Datuk Seri Mukhriz Mahathir said his father's decision to campaign went against the latter's doctor's advice for him to rest.

He said family members had advised Dr Mahathir to take precautions during his visit to Johor following IJN specialists' recommendations.

"We are being careful due to his age and his recovery from treatment at IJN. He is not 100 per cent well yet and there is a surge in Covid-19 cases. The elderly are at risk.

But Dr Mahathir still insists in (taking part in campaigning) because his fight knows no end. He wants to contribute (to Pejuang's campaign) by sharing the party's decision to contest in Johor.

"So he felt the need to come down himself instead of just issuing letters and statements."

Mukhriz said this after a walkabout at Pasar Awam Tangkak with Pejuang's Tangkak candidate, Muhammad Airel Zabridin.

Mukhriz said he hoped the three-hour journey to Machap by his father would boost the party's goal of winning the election and convince voters that Dr Mahathir was serious in helping the party's campaigning.

Pejuang is contesting 42 out of 56 seats. Polling is on March 12, with early voting on March 8.