

# Focus on winning seats, Dr M tells PN

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad appears to have taken a swipe at the infighting in Perikatan Nasional (PN) over the coalition's prime ministerial candidate.

He said the focus should instead be on winning the required number of parliamentary seats to secure a majority.

"I do not understand why so many are vying to be named as a prime ministerial candidate. A candidate will not become prime minister if his party does not win 112 seats," he said in a Facebook post yesterday.

He also said a party must contest more than 112 seats to win that number, which he claimed was "impossible" for any single party.

He added that other parties would also field candidates, making it almost impossible for a

candidate to secure the prime minister's position outright.

"There is no need to compete to be named as a prime ministerial candidate. Instead, efforts should be made on uniting Malays. Only if Malays are united can victory be achieved," he said.

His comments came after Bersatu's annual general assembly on Sept 7 endorsed its president, Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, as its prime ministerial candidate.

In response, the Pas Youth Council urged the party to prepare to lead PN and to put forward a prime ministerial candidate.

Pas president Tan Sri Abdul Hadi Awang, at the closing of the party's muktamar, declared the party's readiness to lead a multiracial Malaysia while upholding the supremacy of the constitution.