

**Dr M warns Najib of Israel's 'regime change' plans**  
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SERDANG, Feb 15 — Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad cautioned the Najib administration today with his prediction that Israel and its allies are attempting a regime change in Malaysia through Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

"I think I don't have to advise him (Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak)... I just warn him that he (Anwar) is the candidate for regime change... so be careful," the former prime minister told a press conference at the Perdana University here.

Dr Mahathir alleged in a blog posting yesterday that the US and Israel were conspiring to cause a regime change in Malaysia through a "puppet government" to be led by Anwar.

He claimed it was the US government's hope that the new leadership under Anwar, his long-time arch-nemesis, would establish diplomatic relations with Israel and distance itself from the Palestinian struggle.

"With that, a puppet government will be formed in Malaysia, one that will support all of the US' efforts to conquer the world," Dr Mahathir wrote.

The outspoken veteran politician also said his fears were clearly reflected in Anwar's statement during a recent interview with the influential Wall Street Journal newspaper, when the latter reportedly expressed support for "all efforts to protect the security of the state of Israel".

Describing the statement as "unsurprising", Dr Mahathir alleged that Anwar believes his unbending support for the US and Israel would help him realise his ambition to be the next Malaysian prime minister.

"Anwar, therefore, gives the impression of being a liberal; one who accepts and supports Western concepts like human rights, freedom in everything, anti-cronyism and corruption, rejects the New Economic Model, which is said to victimise certain ethnic groups here, and many more, in order to get praise and support from the US," he wrote.

Dr Mahathir continued to expound on his theory today and called Anwar a chameleon for his support of various communities.

"Anwar is good friends with Israel. He can appear to be all sorts... When he's with the Chinese, he becomes Chinese. When he's with the Malays, he is Malay.

"When he's with Muslims, he becomes an ulama (religious scholar); when with Israel, he supports Israel... this sort of person, you cannot believe... he has no firm belief," he said.

Dr Mahathir added that the recent exposé by PKR on Malaysia's alleged commercial dealings

with Israel was likely the Zionist regime's attempt to show that Anwar was not the only one who shares ties with them.

"So Israel releases statistics about our trade with them. This is one of their efforts to show support for Anwar because if not, he will face many attacks here," he said.

Solidariti Anak Muda Malaysia (SAMM) president and Rembau PKR chief Badrul Hisham Shaharin revealed last week documents that showed two Malaysian companies based in Johor have been allegedly exporting palm oil to the tune of some 100 metric tonnes a month to the Jewish state.

On a recent report that Malaysia has stopped exporting palm oil to Iran, viewed as part of sanctions imposed by the US to urge Tehran to abandon its nuclear weapons programme, Dr Mahathir said he was not aware of the matter.

But the former prime minister claimed of intense pressures faced by the government to support US policies, failing which Malaysia would suffer repercussions.

"The threat is there. So in this world, although we are independent, we are not free... we face pressure from certain powers," he said.

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