

Pakatan too divided to form government, says former DAP leader
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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 22 — Pakatan Rakyat (PR) will not be able to form the federal government as the opposition pact is too divided on many core issues, former DAP vice-president Tunku Abdul Aziz Tunku Ibrahim has said.

“Among themselves, they have not agreed with each other. This is what people are describing as a marriage of convenience. They will surely divorce.

“But (for now), they are scared to do so because they share a common goal, which is to capture Putrajaya,” the former senator was quoted as saying in The Star Online.

Tunku Aziz (picture) was referring to the three PR parties of the DAP, PAS and PKR, which are known to have different ideologies but have since come up with the Buku Jingga, their common policy framework.

PR’s inability to decide on the allocation of ministerial seats now would make any winning of the general election a useless outcome, The Star reported him as saying.

“Now, they cannot decide among themselves about forming a shadow Cabinet,” he said.

Tunku Aziz also suggested that Penang owes its progress to its over two-centuries-old history rather than the leadership of Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng.

“Rather it is your (local) ancestors, who are the ones who built it up,” said the former senator.

The DAP man left the party in May after he appeared to deviate from the party’s line on the April 28 rally for free and fair elections.

Lim, who is also the party’s secretary-general, had then rebuked Tunku Aziz for his differing views on the Bersih rally.

But Tunku Aziz had said that he had always supported the election reform movement Bersih, but not “if it got itself into illegal activities.”

The rally organisers had continued with the sit-in protest at Dataran Merdeka despite Kuala Lumpur City Hall and the police’s refusal to allow the event at the historic square.

The DAP has tried to reach out to the Malays by recruiting leaders such as Tunku Aziz, but the latter has conceded his failure to win over the community to the Chinese-dominated party that has been accused by Umno of being anti-Malay and anti-Islam.

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