

**Dr M: Demonstrations galore if Pakatan loses GE13**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 26 — Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad continued today to warn Malaysians of chaos on the streets if Pakatan Rakyat (PR) loses the coming polls, heaping all the blame on his long-time arch nemesis Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim for allegedly using demonstrations to get his way.

He said the opposition has already begun setting the stage for chaos, pointing to how Malaysians have been rallied by pro-PR groups to rise and reject the results of the election should Barisan Nasional (BN) retain Putrajaya.

The former prime minister said, however, that he still believes BN may recapture its much-needed two-thirds parliamentary majority "at the moment", but, in the same breath, warned of Anwar's tactics should this prediction prove true.

"Anwar's preparation (for the polls) is (by holding) public demonstrations.

"Without Anwar, there are no demonstrations.

"Ever since Anwar came out (of jail), there are demonstrations," Dr Mahathir told a press conference after attending a forum on war and conflict at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) here.

He pointed out that when Anwar, his former deputy, was still in government, the former Umno number two had been against public protests.

"But once he is out... this (demonstrations) is the instrument to put him in Putrajaya," Dr Mahathir said.

He added, however, that despite his belief in BN's ability to recapture its two-thirds majority, voters may change their minds when polls are called.

Dr Mahathir said this could be caused by the media, whose reports he said greatly influence Malaysians at the ballot boxes.

"You may report something that may influence them not to vote for the government... then of course we cannot get our two-thirds," he said.

During his speech at a luncheon talk for the forum, Dr Mahathir had cautioned of parties willing to use violence and abuse the country's democratic system to topple an elected government.

Without naming specific parties, the former prime minister said this was the result of democracy and unchecked freedoms, claiming that those who propagate democracy would use the same system to get its way.

"Sometimes this leads to violence and killings, burning of houses and buildings... they would do anything to bring down the majority government," he said.

"This is because in newly democratic countries, we do not fully appreciate the system... while we say we like democracy, we only like it when we win, not when we lose," he added.

Dr Mahathir added that as democracy promotes equality of its people, this would lead to conflicts as many do not share the same ideals.

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