

**Mukhriz Thanks Najib, Muhyiddin For Retaining Him In Jerlun**  
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JITRA, April 23 (Bernama) -- Deputy International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Mukhriz Tun Dr Mahathir thanked the prime minister and his deputy for giving him the opportunity to remain in Jerlun although he had been moved from a parliamentary seat to the Air Hitam state seat.

The Kedah Barisan Nasional (BN) deputy chairman admitted that he was little known when he first became a Member of Parliament but after five years, he was now close to the Jerlun folk.

"I can depend on my hard work for five years as a record of my achievement and that of other BN candidates in Jerlun. The people of Jerlun can see all this," he at a foundation-stone laying ceremony for a sports centre in the Jerlun parliamentary constituency in Sanglang, near here, Tuesday.

The ceremony was performed by Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

Prior to this, there were speculations that Mukhriz would be contesting either parliamentary or state seats in Kubang Pasu and Langkawi, areas connected to his father, former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

His transfer from a parliamentary to a state seat is now tied to the post of Menteri Besar if the BN recaptures Kedah.

Mukhriz said that in the five years he was in Jerlun, many development projects had been implemented with the support of the federal government.

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