

Anwar's staff not safe if he becomes Selangor menteri besar, Dr Mahathir warns
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Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad (pic) today took a dig at his former deputy, saying Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's staff will not be safe if the latter became the Selangor menteri besar.

Malaysia's longest serving prime minister said it was only natural for him to be afraid if Anwar became the Selangor menteri besar, as people would not be safe.

"The staff in Selangor will not be safe, you see what happened to his staff? Anwar will be influenced by his freedom," Dr Mahathir told reporters at the International Islamic University in Gombak.

Although he did not mention it specifically, it is understood that Dr Mahathir was referring to Anwar's former aide, Mohd Saiful Azlan Bukhari.

In 2008, Mohd Saiful had lodged a police report alleging that Anwar had sodomised him. Anwar was eventually acquitted of all charges in 2012.

"Anwar will be more influenced by his freedom as the Selangor menteri besar to do whatever he likes," Dr Mahathir said.

"He thinks that as prime minister, probably he will be above the law. But you are not above the law.

"If you commit anything wrong, or if you are immoral, the government will take action against you," Dr Mahathir said.

Dr Mahathir reiterated that Anwar was not qualified to be a leader as he had set up a party to ensure that he became Malaysia's prime minister.

"Wherever Anwar has fought, it was to realise his ambition of becoming prime minister. Even in Umno he was also fighting for himself.

"Anwar changes his colours according to the environment," Dr Mahathir said, referring to the former's speech at a church in Kajang over the weekend.

"He will do that in order to gain some votes, he is very adaptable," he added.

"What is important for him is to get the votes, to win and become the Selangor menteri besar."

"It is an obsession with him because he wants to become the country's prime minister, that's Anwar," Dr Mahathir added.

Last night, Anwar had told a ceramah in Kajang that Dr Mahathir was afraid of him becoming MB.

“It seems that everything is Anwar’s fault. Ops Lalang is also my fault even though the prime minister at the time was Dr Mahathir, not me,” he had said.

Last week, Dr Mahathir had suggested that Anwar played a “key role” in the Ops Lalang security crackdown of 1987 as he was a member of the administration.

Last night, during his hour-long ceramah, Anwar had also said that Dr Mahathir could anticipate that Pakatan Rakyat’s charge to Putrajaya had gone up several notches with his expected presence in the Selangor administration. – February 18, 2014.

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