

Current Selangor Political Imbroglio Due To Anwar, Says Dr Mahathir
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PUTRAJAYA, Aug 16 (Bernama) -- The political upheaval and tussle for the post of Selangor menteri besar will not end, even when new elections are held in the near future, says former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

He described the political crisis in the Pakatan Rakyat-run state as a "farce" arising from Opposition Leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim who always wanted to become prime minister (PM).

"There can be new elections, but I do not think it will solve the problem for as long as Anwar does not become prime minister.

"If we let him (Anwar) become PM for one month, I think he might be satisfied, but he will not let go (the post of PM)," he said when asked to comment on the current political imbroglio in Selangor.

Dr Mahathir said this at a press conference after attending a discussion on the evolution of the identity of the Malaysian youth, organised by the Youth Academy at the Perdana Leadership Foundation Saturday.

Selangor faced a leadership crisis when the Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) sacked Menteri Besar Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim after he refused to abide by the party's instructions to resign and make way for PKR president Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail to replace him.

Elaborating, Dr Mahathir said Abdul Khalid had the choice to choose a political party.

"In a democracy, we are free to join a party and leave a party. (Abdul) Khalid was in Umno. He joined Pakatan, Keadilan (PKR). Now, he does not agree with PKR, that is his right," he noted.

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