

**Good Chance For BN To Win In Permatang Pauh Amid Opposition Disarray - Dr M Bernama**  
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GEORGE TOWN, April 30 (Bernama) -- Barisan Nasional (BN) has a good chance of winning in the Permatang Pauh by-election amid disarray in the opposition, says former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

He said the opposition was in disarray as Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) did not support hudud and that could possibility lead to PAS not supporting PKR in the by-election campaign.

Dr Mahathir was speaking to reporters after a talk titled "Cakna Ilmu: Mendepani Pemikiran Tun M" organised by Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) today.

Asked on Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail again having been fielded as the Pakatan Rakyat candidate for the Permatang Pauh by-election, Dr Mahathir said PKR belonged to a family.

"It's just an organisation to support the family, so the family must be there all the time," he added.

On BN candidate Suhaimi Sabudin, Dr Mahathir said he did not know him but heard that "he is a good candidate" and hoped Permatang Pauh voters would support him.

On his continued criticism against Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, Dr Mahathir said he was prepared to meet with UMNO members to explain the 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB) issue, like the meeting held between them and Najib.

"If we listen to one side only, we will not be able to weigh something wisely and fairly. Even in a court of law, we hear both sides - the accuser and the defendant.

"But I am not given the chance to tell why I have taken an action which many don't understand. If I am not given the chance to speak (with Umno members), all of them will reject my views," he said.

Asked on him having become a hot topic in the Permatang Pauh by-election with regard to the Goods and Services Tax (GST) and 1MDB, he said: "For a long time, I held myself back. I didn't want to say anything that could affect UMNO and BN.

"However, I need to voice out when things are so bad and that the government should explain what happened to 1MDB. It cannot be secretive because this involves public money.

"In government administration, there are rules, regulations and laws on how a government should govern. You cannot just do anything you like. During my time, I had to also follow."

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