

**Malaysia heading towards dictatorship, not just failed state, says Mujahid**  
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Malaysia is becoming a dictatorship and not just a failed state, looking at the way enforcement institutions are being used by the powers that be, says Datuk Mujahid Yusof Rawa of Gerakan Harapan Baru (GHB).

The pro tem chairman of the PAS splinter group's Penang chapter said under the Barisan Nasional administration, violations were visible as enforcement agencies were being used to investigate each other to allegedly cover up wrongdoing.

"We have never seen how the police investigate another enforcement agency, like the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC).

"MACC was looking into a case involving allegations against the prime minister. The police, which is under the jurisdiction of the home minister, who is also now the deputy prime minister, investigated MACC.

"The prime minister removed the attorney-general and then came allegations that the A-G had drafted a charge sheet to have the prime minister detained... all these show that we are not just heading towards a failed state, but a dictatorship," he told at an open house organised by Penang Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng in Seberang Jaya tonight.

"We will be in chaos."

In recent weeks, the nation had seen a cabinet reshuffle by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak, which saw Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin removed as deputy prime minister and replaced by Home Minister Datuk Seri Ahmad Zahid Hamidi.

Muhyiddin had openly questioned and criticised Najib over his handling of the 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) scandal.

On the same day, Tan Sri Abdul Gani Patail, who was due to retire in October, was also terminated as the attorney-general and replaced by former federal judge Tan Sri Mohamed Apandi Ali.

MACC, which was probing SRC International, a former subsidiary of 1MDB, had its office raided and several senior officials detained for questioning by the police over an alleged leak of information. Last Friday, two of its directors were transferred out of the commission to the Prime Minister's Department.

The chronology of events raised questions and threw the government in negative light.

Mujahid said the fate of the nation was in the hands of the people, who must wake up to save the country and have the power returned to the public.

Shah Alam MP Khalid Samad said this Hari Raya was celebrated in a political and economic crisis never before seen in the country.

He spoke of how the country's foreign reserves have dwindled over US\$30 billion to defend the ringgit by creating an artificial demand for the currency, but the effort failed because of the loss of investor confidence in the country.

Khalid said the collapse of the opposition coalition happened at a time when the people depended on them.

"This is what GHB is for. The old coalition is gone so we bring new hope. We will come together as a new coalition that will be strong, stand united to face issues and obstacles together, keep its word and deliver what it says for the betterment of the people."

Khalid also said a motion of no confidence against the prime minister must be tabled as soon as possible to save the country from power abuse.

He said the problems faced by Malaysia today due to the scandals were well known around the world today.

"If we still keep quiet, we will be a failed state. We must exercise the power of the people and have him replaced," he said.

The other speakers also included Kelantan GHB coordinator Datuk Wan Rahim Wan Abdullah and Ismail Salleh, the coordinator of Kedah GHB. – August 9, 2015.

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