

PPBM too fixated with PM post, says ex-party leader

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PPBM founding member Kamarulazman Habibur Rahman, who has quit the party, says some party members are willing to do anything to take down the government.

KUALA LUMPUR: Some leaders in Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia (PPBM) are so fixated on the post of prime minister, that they are willing to do anything to take down the government of the day.

This is a concern expressed by former PPBM supreme council member Kamarulazman Habibur Rahman, who today announced his resignation from the party.

“I worry about how becoming prime minister is so important to some in the party, while I am more concerned of the public’s well-being,” he told a press conference at Sunway Putra Hotel here today.

“And I also worry about the actions of some members, who are willing to resort to unverified facts and lies that don’t make sense, just to take down the government.

“This is worrying as when a government is weak, it will affect the country’s economy. As Malaysian citizens, we have to love our country and we cannot sabotage it, as it involves the lives of millions of people.”

He also said that PPBM had strayed from its original struggles, as its main mission now was just to take down Prime Minister Najib Razak, and secure the position for one of their own.

Kamarulazman, who is also one of the party’s seven founding members, however said that he doesn’t think anyone from PPBM can become the prime minister even if the opposition wins the next general election.

“Can a leader from a party that only recently became a friend to Pakatan Harapan (PH), and (that can only win) a small number of seats, be made a prime minister?

“Impossible.”

PPBM officially became the fourth component of PH last month.

Kamarulazman then claimed that “friends” of the party’s deputy president Mukhriz Mahathir were busy strengthening their positions within the party, while its secretary-general Shahrudin Md Salleh, has his own agenda.

The other thing they all have in common, added Kamarulazman, was the fact that they care more about their “friends” than the party, or the interests of the public.

He claimed that was why he decided to leave the party he helped form, after months of careful consideration.

“I want to focus instead on educating the public, especially on the country’s political situation.

“I want to see the country’s direction being discussed, to ensure the well-being of all Malaysians,” he said.

Kamarulazman also feared for the country should PPBM succeed in forming the next government.

“This is what I worry about.

“I’m not in politics to secure my personal interests, or to obtain wealth and position. As a teacher, I’m fighting to ensure the betterment of the public’s lives, and a better future for the country.”

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