

Pakatan Harapan yet to decide on who will be PM, says Dr Mahathir

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The chairman of the pact, however, says whoever is picked will be the PM, not a PM in waiting or an interim PM.

KUALA LUMPUR: While Pakatan Harapan has already decided on its logo and lineup, the question of who will be prime minister remains a mystery.

Newly-minted coalition chairman Dr Mahathir Mohamad said they had yet to arrive at a decision.

However, the Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia (PPBM) chairman said that the person who would be picked would be the prime minister.

“He is not a PM in waiting or an interim PM.

“It is not going to be interim. It is going to be PM,” he told reporters here today.

On Prime Minister Najib Razak’s remarks that he had done more for Indians, Dr Mahathir said this was just mere talk.

“He did not do anything. Neither does he have the funds for it,” he said.

On comments made by Communications and Multimedia Minister Salleh Said Keruak that in PH’s top three positions, it was not stated who had executive powers and the last say in decision making, Dr Mahathir said only the former would measure such things.

On Salleh’s claim that DAP leaders were sidelined in the new PH lineup, Dr Mahathir said nobody was sidelined.

“We are all together, equal among each other,” he said.

To another question on whether decisions by the coalition were by consensus, Dr Mahathir said this was not always the case.

“It is not always by consensus. In certain cases, we have to go by the majority.

“Last night also, we decided by majority on certain cases,” he added.

On Thursday, PH announced its line-up in which Anwar Ibrahim was appointed as the leader and Dr Mahathir as chairman.

PH also named Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail as the president, assisted by three deputies, Muhyiddin Yassin (PPBM), Lim Guan Eng (DAP) and Mohamad Sabu (Amanah).

PKR deputy president Mohamed Azmin Ali and his PPBM counterpart Mukhriz Mahathir were named as vice-presidents, along with DAP's Chong Chieng Jen and Amanah's Salahuddin Ayub.

The announcement came a month after speculation over the leadership structure of the new coalition, which will see the four opposition parties for the first time going to the polls using a common logo.

Salleh, in a blog post early this morning, asked why none of the highest posts in PH had gone to a DAP leader despite the party having the most number of MPs in the coalition.

"Is DAP being sidelined or was this an intentional move so that the opposition pact is perceived to be dominated by the Malays?" the former Sabah chief minister wrote.

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