

Dr M gives Harapan in 7 states 3 days to resolve seat talks
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Harapan component parties in seven out of 11 states have only three more days to resolve their seat negotiations for the 14th general election.

Harapan chairperson Dr Mahathir Mohamad told a press conference at the Bersatu headquarters in Petaling Jaya today that any state that failed to meet the deadline this Friday would have to refer the matter to the central leadership.

"We are settled when it comes to the parliament seats. But with regards to the state seats, there are still certain areas that have yet to be agreed upon by the parties.

"We have decided that if they can't resolve it by this Friday, they should tell the headquarters and the matter will be raised to the Harapan presidential council," said Mahathir who earlier chaired a Harapan presidential council meeting.

"Then, the decision (by Harapan presidential council on the seats) must be accepted by all," he said.

Pressed for details, Mahathir said: "Four states have been settled [...] but I cannot tell you which ones."

Mahathir, meanwhile, also revealed that Harapan was in the final stages of finalising its GE14 manifesto with 60 promises for the people.

He said the Harapan presidential council also took note that there were individual leaders who had made certain promises but Harapan would not be bound by them.

"We are not bound by the statements made by certain leaders if we find that the reality is that we cannot fulfil these promises after we form the federal government.

"So we are now making amendments to our manifesto to ensure that we can meet every single one of our promises," said Mahathir.

He also reiterated that a Harapan federal government after GE14 would be faced with financial constraints as it would inherit the debts of the current BN administration under Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak.

"We are of the view that the government's finances might not be able to accommodate extravagant promises and so we will only promise what we can afford to fulfil.

"We will be releasing our manifesto soon," he said.

The present BN government's term will end on June 24 and Najib has remained coy as to when he would call for polls.

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