

## **Mahathir hopes party that 'won GE15' forms govt**

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PETALING JAYA: Pejuang chairman Dr Mahathir Mohamad hopes the party that “won the general election” will form the next government.

The former prime minister also hoped that the party or parties that form the next government will be able to resolve the problems afflicting the nation.

In a statement, Mahathir said he was saddened by Pejuang’s dismal performance in the polls, where it lost all the 125 seats it contested, but added that he accepted the decision of the voters.

“Pejuang could not even be in the opposition in the Dewan (Rakyat), and had to drop whatever plans it had for the country,” he said.

He said all Pejuang could do now was to monitor how the next government would lead the nation.

Mahathir said that with him no longer an MP, he will focus on writing on historical events in Malaysia, adding that he is open to being interviewed by authors for this.

Mahathir and his son, Mukhriz, standing under the Gerakan Tanah Air banner were among the 369 candidates who lost their deposits in the elections last Saturday. He and Mukhriz won less than one-eighth of the votes in Langkawi and Jerlun.

Mahathir only managed to garner 4,566 votes in the five-cornered fight in Langkawi, with Perikatan Nasional winning the seat.

The other Pejuang leaders who lost include deputy president Marzuki Yahya and secretary-general Amiruddin Hamzah.

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