

Anwar offers Dr M post of adviser in Opposition

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KUALA TERENGGANU: Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has been offered a post as adviser to the Opposition coalition.

Parti Keadilan Rakyat adviser Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said it was up to the former prime minister to take up the post.

He said he had no problems with Dr Mahathir joining the Opposition, despite their past differences.

"As long as he is a citizen, I would not stand in his way.

"But he still would need a green light from the other Opposition leaders," he said after attending a Hari Raya gathering organised by the party in Pekan Batu 6, Kuala Nerus, here.

Keadilan and Pas are members of an informal coalition Barisan Alternatif.

Anwar said he also pitied Dr Mahathir as he had come under heavy fire from Umno leaders who once worked side by side with him.

"It seems that the Umno members have forgotten his contributions to the country for 22 years," he said.

Anwar served the government about 16 years before he was sacked and jailed in 1998 during Dr Mahathir's rule.