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Dr M: Backdoor deals could break coalition

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ALOR STAR: "Backdoor" deals between PAS and Umno would further ruin Barisan Nasional, former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said.

He said Umno should not leave out its partners when making deals with PAS.

"It is not nice to leave out others (in the coalition)," he said yesterday.

Dr Mahathir was asked to comment on the high-level talks between PAS and Umno on issues concerning Malays and Islam.

He advised Umno not to turn its back on its partners in the coalition.

"What will MCA, Gerakan and MIC say?" he asked.