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Former Malaysia leader to run for office aged 97 – 17th October, 2022

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Mahathir Mohamad became a member of parliament in 1964. He is thought of as being a visionary for greatly improving his country's economy throughout the 1980s. His run for parliament is his 11th election campaign. Many have their doubts about his chances of success because of his recent ill health. He has had several heart attacks and had quadruple bypass surgery. He left hospital last month after contracting Covid-19.

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Age is just a number. The former prime minister of Malaysia, Mahathir Mohamad, is proving this. Mr Mahathir is pushing back the years and running for office again at the age of 97. He has been the country's leader twice before. The first time was for 22 years, between 1981 and 2003. Mahathir has announced he will run for parliament in his country's upcoming election. He did not tell journalists whether or not he wants the top job again. He said: "We have not decided who will be prime minister because the prime minister candidate is only relevant if we win."

Mahathir Mohamad has been ever-present in Malaysian politics. He became a member of parliament in 1964. He is regarded as being a visionary for improving his country's economy. He led Malaysia's rapid economic transformation throughout the 1980s. His run for parliament means it will be his 11th election campaign. Many commentators have their doubts about Mahathir's chances of success because of his recent ill health. He has a history of heart trouble. He has had several heart attacks and quadruple bypass surgery. He left hospital last month after contracting Covid-19.

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They say age is just a number, and that you are as young as you feel. The former prime minister of Malaysia, Mahathir Mohamad, is proving this to be true. Mr Mahathir is pushing back the years and running for office at the ripe old age of 97. He has been the country's leader twice before. The first time was for 22 years, between 1981 and 2003; the second time was a near-two-year term from May 2018. He has announced he will run for parliament in his country's upcoming general election. He was typically coy on whether or not he has his eyes set on the top job once again. He told journalists: "We have not decided who will be prime minister because the prime minister candidate is only relevant if we win."

Mahathir Mohamad has been an ever-present force in Malaysian politics. He first became a member of parliament in 1964. He is widely regarded as being a visionary for changing his country's economic fortunes. He spearheaded Malaysia's rapid economic transformation throughout the 1980s. Mahathir's decision to contest the parliamentary seat of Langkawi marks his 11th general election campaign. Many commentators in Malaysia are sceptical about Mr Mahathir's chances because of his recent ill health. He has a history of heart trouble and has had several heart attacks and bypass operations, including a quadruple bypass surgery. He was discharged from hospital last month after contracting Covid-19.