

The best yet: Najib

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PAHANG Menteri Besar Datuk Mohamed Najib Tun Razak described Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's speech as his best to date.

"Dr Mahathir has diagnosed the current problems faced by Umno and has analysed the consequences if these problems are left unchecked," he said.

Datuk Mohamed Najib said it was necessary for the Umno president to come out strongly not only in the interest of the party but the nation.

He cited as examples issues such as the MCA crisis, the threats

by Cuepacs, and the statements by Pas which the Umno president touched on in his keynote address.

He said these issues were rightly exposed so that steps could be taken to resolve them.

'First-class'

Datuk Mohamed Najib said the motive of Cuepacs leaders in politicising the issue on wage claims ought to be questioned.

The MCA crisis was raised because certain leaders of the party had accused Umno of interfering.

On Dr Mahathir's attack against Pas, Datuk Mohamed Na-

jib said it was important to stress Umno's brand of nationalism which was not in violation of Islamic principles.

Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Mohamed Yaacob described Dr Mahathir's speech as "first-class".

He said Dr Mahathir was forthright and minced no words in exposing problems that were detrimental to the country's interest.

On Dr Mahathir's criticism of businessmen who used the "palace connection" for their own ends, Datuk Mohamed Yaacob said such activity should be exposed.