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QUOTABLE QUOTES...

\* "Siapa Mahathir?" ("Who is Mahathir") - M. Nasir, May 1996:  
When these words were supposedly uttered by the songwriter/singer to a reporter at a rehearsal for Malam Puisi Utusan - whose guest-of-honour was Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad - the media had a field day making him out to be arrogant and an ingrate.

It became the talk of the whole nation - Cabinet Ministers included - even though Nasir denied having said it.

When he failed to turn up for the event the following day, the media hostility got worse, never mind that Nasir's absence was due to the fact that he had to attend his father-in-law's funeral in Singapore.

Needless to say, the Information Ministry "taught him a lesson" by banning his works, until the matter was solved a couple of months later.