

# There's nothing I could do to stop the lies, says PM

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. — Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today that there was nothing he could do if lies continued to be spread over his son's involvement in business.

"What can I do if they are still at it ... even if my son is dumped into the sea, they'll say that's another way to gain support."

"So if they're bent on spreading lies, they'll still do it," he said at the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF) base in Subang on his return from Dubai.

Dr Mahathir was asked to comment on allegations against his son Mokhzani even though Mokhzani had announced he was quitting business.

He said he did not know whether Mokhzani's exit from the corporate world would reduce Bumiputera equity in the market.

"I don't know anything about it. I was told about it (the withdrawal) by other people. I don't have anything to say about my children ... that is their affair. I have nothing to do with it," he added.

Asked whether he would stop Mokhzani from pulling out of the corporate world if he had his way, Dr Mahathir said he had asked his children to refrain from getting involved in business linked with the Government.

"If they are involved in business with the private sector, how can I stop them!"

However, he said, there were times when the companies that his children took over might be involved in a little way with the Government, which he said was unavoidable.