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Umno has nothing to do with ISA detentions'

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the recent detention of political activists under the Internal Security Act (ISA) has nothing to do with Umno.

"It has to do with the security of this country. There are people in this country who would like to see Malaysia plunge into the kind of turmoil that they see in other countries," he said.

These people think they can bring down the government through street demonstrations since they did not win the last general election, he told a press conference.

Mahathir said the government does not consider street demonstrations very democratic.

"If they want to, they can get the people to support them at the next election. The elections will be fair because in Malaysia, we know that opposition parties stand a chance to win," he said, pointing out that the Opposition controls two states - Kelantan and Terengganu.