

## **Mahathir declines to comment**

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SHAH ALAM: Eager reporters hoping for quotable quotes from former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, whose statement on the Approved Permit (AP) controversy on Tuesday received wide media coverage, were disappointed yesterday.

They flocked around him and his wife Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali as the two were leaving a gathering at the office of media company Karangkruf here, and he initially appeared to welcome their presence.

However, when a reporter posed a question on the AP issue, Dr Mahathir responded: "Don't want lah."

The couple then got into their car and drove off.

Dr Mahathir yesterday claimed that International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz had misled delegates at the recent Umno general assembly on the issue.