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`Stop making remarks about Dr M'

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - DAP today said Singapore should refrain from passing derogatory remarks about Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Deputy chairman Karpal Singh said it was demeaning to call Dr Mahathir an "entertaining story teller" and that Singapore Foreign Minister S. Jayakumar should mind his language.

"So should Singapore Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong who described Dr Mahathir as `a very good spin doctor'.

"Descending to name calling over building of a new bridge does not speak well of both Jayakumar and Goh who are graduates of the prestigious University of Singapore, which boasts a top listing among universities in Asia," he said in a statement.

He said both Singaporean leaders are of no mean rank and are expected to set a worthy example.

Karpal said Singapore should not take for granted the patience of Malaysian leaders, both in the Government and the Opposition.

"Singapore should not forget its roots. It was once part of Malaysia and historically and geographically must accept that its destiny is intertwined with Malaysia," he said.

He added that Singapore should endear itself to Malaysia instead of passing snide remarks which in the long-term will be counter-productive to its interests.