

Perkasa hopes for Dr M-Najib meet
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Right-wing NGO Perkasa said today it hopes that its patron Dr Mahathir Mohamad will meet with Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak to amicably resolve any differences between them.

Referring to Mahathir's scathing criticism of Najib, Perkasa chief Ibrahim Ali said it would first seek a "heart-to-heart" meeting with the former prime minister to get a "clearer picture".

"We would like to have a closed door discussion with Mahathir so that we can have a clearer picture about what he wrote in his blog," Ibrahim told Malaysiakini after the NGO's supreme council meeting.

Ibrahim said the contents of Mahathir's writing as well as statements from other Umno leaders on the matter were also discussed at length at the meeting today.

"We hope that Tun (Mahathir) and Najib can meet properly. Tun needs to be ready to meet Najib and Najib must give room to Tun and accept his views. Accept the good things professionally.

"I am confident that Tun can accept this," Ibrahim said.

The former Pasir Mas MP added that Perkasa was seeking a closed-door resolution as it does not want to further "muddy the waters".

Mahathir last week wrote a stinging blog post criticising Najib's leadership of the country and said that he is "withdrawing his support for Najib".

The former prime minister said Najib is "soft" and silent on important issues in the country and this has disappointed him.

He accused Najib of performing even worse than fifth prime minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

Mahathir also highlighted Najib's government policies, which he said were destroying relations among the races.

