

PM doesn't rule out meeting Dr M over row

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Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak today did not rule out the possibility of meeting former premier Dr Mahathir Mohamad over the latter's severe criticism of Najib.

Breaking his silence over Mahathir's open rebuke, he said that "any possibility could happen".

"We hope this will be resolved in a manner which is good for Umno as a whole," he said after the Umno supreme council meeting.

This comes after top Umno office bearers and cabinet members took turns to throw support behind Najib, who is also Umno president.

"Umno supports the present leadership while respecting Tun as an elder statesman," said Najib.

"So I consider this as an internal Umno matter. We hope this can be resolved in the best way."

No Pengkalan Kubor candidate yet

Mahathir (above) had in a blog posting said he was withdrawing support from Najib, as he is disappointed with the lack of leadership.

He then told reporters this is as Najib is "too soft" and often silent on critical matters.

Mahathir also said that Najib is worse than fifth prime minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, whom Mahathir campaigned hard to unseat.

Meanwhile, the PM said no one has been shortlisted to be BN's Pengkalan Kubor candidate in the by-election to be held on Sept 25.

"For the time being we don't want (to say) this person's on the list and this person isn't.

"It wouldn't be fair and we would announce who makes the cut later," he said.

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