

'Mahathir admits to Umno's secret crimes'

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Former prime minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad's admission that many will be charged in court should Pakatan Rakyat come into power is a confession and only confirms Umno's "secret crimes".

Referring to Mahathir's statement, DAP parliamentarian Steven Sim asked today whether Umno, had implicated itself of clandestine crimes, especially with former minister Zainuddin Maidin "confirming" Mahathir's confession.

"The latest video interview by Mahathir, though not a surprise, comes as a shocking confirmation, nonetheless of Umno's secret crimes in the last three decades since Mahathir came to power in 1981," Sim said in a statement.

Mahathir in the video clip had said the new government will "dig and if they dig, people may be charged in court and may be found guilty. If BN loses, a lot of people will have to pay a big price".

Following the interview, former information minister Zainuddin Maidin confirmed in a recent blog post what Mahathir's meant. Zainuddin said Mahathir's warning to Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak also served as a self-warning.

Zainuddin also said Mahathir would be arrested and detained first, followed by Najib and the rest on various charges such as abuse of power, the 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB) scandal and other wrongdoings.

As such, Sim (left) pointed out that the people, now at least, knew that the "secret crimes" were concealed and that evidence of these secret crimes exist, but that only those in the government has access to these evidence.

"These secret crimes, when exposed, will result in the imprisonment of those involved, including top Umno leaders such as Mahathir and Najib," he said.

Major allegations from the time of Mahathir to Najib range from the Memali massacre and crackdown on dissidents in the 1987 Ops Lalang to financial crimes that Mahathir's biographer Barry Wain described as "Public funds were stolen in various ways, or simply poured into a big black hole in the name of ventures that bordered on reckless, improbable or criminal", besides the Altantuya Shaariibuu murder and the 1MDB scandal.

Therefore, the Bukit Mertajam MP believes that the police should immediately initiate investigations into the "high profile confession of government's crimes".

Sim added: "Failing which, Malaysians must unite in the next general election to vote for a new government in Putrajaya that can promise to investigate and make all guilty ministers

pay for the crimes they have committed against the people and the country."

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