

Dr M to address 'current issues' at public forum

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Come Saturday, former premier Dr Mahathir Mohamad will be heading to Taman Melawati in Hulu Kelang to attend a public forum.

He is scheduled to speak at 9.30am on “current issues”, which could mean firing more salvos at Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak.

However, it is unclear if this is the beginning of a roadshow similar to when Mahathir trained his guns on his successor Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

The public forum, titled ‘Bicara Negarawan (Statesman’s Talk)’, is organised by a coalition of NGOs called Prihatin.

This is the first public forum with Mahathir since the former premier declared open war against Najib through a blog post on April 2.

When contacted, a spokesperson for the organiser confirmed that the former premier would address the forum but claimed to be in the dark as to what would be discussed.

“We have to wait and see what Mahathir wants to talk about, it is up to him,” he told Malaysiakini.

Good time to invite Dr M

As to the reason for holding the forum, the spokesperson said Prihatin has not organised an event with Mahathir for a long time and this is a good time to invite him.

Mahathir has been demanding Najib’s resignation, claiming that the prime minister is scandal-ridden and his presence at the helm of BN would cause the ruling coalition be defeated at the next national polls.

Apart from the 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) quagmire, Najib’s family wealth, the new government private jet, the former premier also raised the murder of Altantuya Shaariibuu as well as his big-spending wife, Rosmah Mansor.

Najib had addressed some of the issues through a pre-recorded interview on TV3 but this failed to deter Mahathir from continuing his tirade.

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