

There's a hint I may be charged, says Mahathir
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Former prime minister Mahathir Mohamad, 90, said he received a hint that police may charge him after the authorities quizzed him last week.

Police had [questioned](#) Mahathir on Nov 6 over his remarks made against Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak at the Bersih 4.0 rally on Aug 30.

Speaking about the police interview for the first time today, Mahathir said he believed the police were trying to turn what he said into a crime.

"Thinking it over afterwards, I concluded that they were trying to make what I did or said in public before (into) some kind of wrongdoings, to even be some kind of criminal act.

"Although they did not say I would be charged, there was just a hint that I might be charged," he said in a blog posting today.

Mahathir had called for Najib's ouster and rubbished explanations that the RM2.6 billion in the prime minister's personal bank accounts was a 'political donation'.

The former prime minister said the questioning he experienced differed from his last encounter with the police and Attorney-General's Chambers.

"(At that time), they wanted to make me a government witness. I listened to them and concluded that there was no case for the accused person to answer so I refused to be a prosecution witness.

"This time it is not about making me a witness. They wanted answers to questions. My lawyers advised me not to answer most of those questions. So I did not," he said.

Mahathir said he had re-examined the questions posed by police to him and could not see how what he did and said were against the law.

"I did not advocate violence. In a democracy the overthrow of a prime minister or a government is a common thing.

"Recently the prime minister of Australia was overthrown by his own party. The prime minister of Romania resigned because a night-club caught fire and some people died," he said.

Mahathir also claimed that Najib 'overthrew' his predecessor Abdullah Ahmad Badawi even though Mahathir had been Abdullah's fiercest critic.

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