

Gov't will sign TPPA as cash is king, Mahathir says
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Former premier Dr Mahathir Mohamad today warned that the country's independence would be at stake if it signs the Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement.

Mahathir, the fourth prime minister reminded that the founding fathers of Malaysia had fought hard to gain independence.

"We were to be masters of our own affairs and destiny and now we are going to sign away our rights and our freedom because of the need to obey the dictates of TPPA.

"I have no doubt the rubber-stamp parliament will approve the TPP. That in itself is evidence that we are preparing to submit to foreign forces and give up the Merdeka that our former leaders had fought so hard for.

"Truly cash is king," he warned in a blog posting uploaded on Chedet.com today.

Mahathir pointed out that International Trade and Industry Minister, Mustapa Mohamed said it would take two years to amend 26 laws to meet TPP requirements.

"This is a clear admission that the TPP limits Malaysia's freedom to make laws deemed necessary for the country.

"These laws have been passed by the Malaysian Parliament apparently because they were considered essential and good for the country.

"But now they have to be amended because the TPP is apparently more powerful than our elected parliament in determining what laws Malaysia should have," he express in dismay.

The TPPA will be tabled in Parliament next week, with a protest against it slated this Saturday.

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