

Dr M: Not for us to say who's next PM, it may not be Zahid
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Former premier Dr Mahathir Mohamad today said it is not Save Malaysia's place to name who should be the next prime minister.

Mahathir reiterated the group's main priority now is to remove of Najib from office.

"After that we will decide who becomes prime minister. It is not for us to name a prime minister from here or there.

"The main thing is he (Najib) must go because he's the main stumbling block," he said in a press conference after the conclusion of Save Malaysia's People's Congress in Shah Alam today.

He noted that by convention, the prime minister is the leader of the party which holds the most seats in the Dewan Rakyat.

However, this does not mean Umno vice-president and deputy prime minister Ahmad Zahid Hamidi would take over as PM if Najib is ousted.

"Not necessarily," he said.

Mahathir was also asked if he should take the blame for pressuring fifth Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi out and campaigning for Najib to take the spot.

To this, the nation's longest serving premier said he shares the blame with several others, including Najib's father, second PM Abdul Razak Hussein.

The decline, he said, began with Najib's father Abdul Razak for recommending Mahathir to Hussein who later chose him to be his successor.

"Eventually, it was Anwar (Ibrahim), followed by Pak Lah (Abdullah). I was responsible for asking Abdullah to resign.

"So it's not only me but a lot of people (involved). It's my fault and other people's fault," he said.

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