

## **Nurul Izzah: Ex-dictator Dr M cannot decide nation's future**

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PKR vice-president Nurul Izzah Anwar has described both Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak as "dictators".

Therefore, Nurul Izzah said, the pair should not decide the future of the nation.

On the contrary, the Lembah Pantai MP stressed that it is the people who must determine who is qualified to lead Malaysia.

She was responding to Mahathir, who said that her father, jailed former opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim, is too old to be the next prime minister.

"To me, this issue is irrelevant because we do not want a former dictator or current dictator to determine the future course of Malaysia.

"So I urge the people to be more active, to ensure their voices are represented in various forums, including the Citizens' Declaration to save Malaysia," Nurul Izzah told a press conference in Petaling Jaya.

In an interview with The Australian earlier this week, Mahathir also repeated his infamous revulsion for Anwar, his former deputy prime minister, concerning the latter's alleged "immoral" issues.

Meanwhile, Nurul Izzah said her father was a symbol amidst the country's flawed political system and judiciary.

In fact, if all quarters let Mahathir (photo) give his revenge-laden remarks, the agenda to save Malaysia would only fail, she said.

"What I want is commitment to implementing reforms. I stand firm and I hope Malaysians will be committed because we are talking about saving the country.

"If you let these people voice their opinions, which are full of revenge, you will fail in terms of turning Malaysia into a better nation," she said.

### **Maintain agenda of institutional reforms**

Nurul Izzah was also asked to comment on former deputy prime minister Muhyiddin Yassin, who said that he has no qualms about his successor, Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, replacing Najib as prime minister.

However, she pointed out, if the system remained the same, then the replacement will not be able to change the existing debaucheries.

“What’s the difference if Zahid becomes prime minister? I think what we want is not only to replace the prime minister but the system that we inherited from Mahathir.

“Therefore, I will continue to maintain the agenda of institutional reforms in representing my voice,” Nurul Izzah added.

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