

Dr M vows not to retreat, says twin win steels resolve to oust Najib
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Amid calls for him to cease his campaign in the wake of BN's thumping victories in Saturday's by-elections, Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the outcome only served to strengthen his resolve to unseat Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak.

The former premier said those thumping their chests should in fact be ashamed because the victories were a result of "open corruption".

"The unexpected BN victories in Sungai Besar and Kuala Kangsar are a result of cash and goods distribution to voters. This was witnessed by the public - there was no shame even though they cheated to win.

"The people and nation's dignity is in tatters... the once dignified people of Malaysia are now following the leader in this manner.

"So those who ask me what my stand is must ask themselves if they no longer have dignity to the extent that they can be proud of a victory fuelled by deception, open corruption and clear abuse of power," he added in a blog post this afternoon

This, he said, only strengthened his belief that Najib must go.

Mahathir said the victories did not change the fact that the prime minister had "demeaned the people and the nation" in the international media.

He argued that ongoing issues like 1MDB and the National Security Council Act are also reasons not to give up the fight.

"I will continue with efforts to clean the Malaysian government in any way possible," he said.

BN [won](#) Sungai Besar with 9,191 votes and Kuala Kangsar with 6,969 votes.

Najib said the victories are a [divine sign](#) that he is on the right path.

He also snidely told Mahathir to continue campaigning against BN, since it has contributed to the stunning twin victories.

Earlier today, BN strategic communication director Abdul Rahman told the former premier to spare himself further humiliation and retire quietly.

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