

**PM's advice to Zambry: It's hilarious, says Dr Mahathir**  
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There is nothing more hilarious than Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi's advice to Perak Menteri Besar Zambry Abdul Kadir to file a police report over his suspension from the state assembly.

This was the summation by former premier Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who offered his opinion on the current political misadventure in Perak.

"We are seeing many weird episodes happening in Perak which was once renowned for its tin," said the 82-year-old statesman in his latest blog posting.

As for Zambry's suspension, Mahathir said if the decision by the Perak speaker could be considered a crime, then what about the Dewan Rakyat speaker suspending opposition members of Parliament for various reasons?

"This (being suspended from the Dewan Rakyat) happens often. Will opposition MPs file a police report as well?

"If they do, then we can assume that the police have power over the speaker," he added.

Stating that the speaker is capable of committing crimes, Mahathir, however, noted that suspending a member of the house does not fall under the ambit of crimes which the police could act upon.

**Where will Zambry sit?**

The former premier also raised several questions in response to reports that a defiant Zambry will attend the state assembly sitting, which must be held by April.

"According to the rules, the speaker can order the officers of the house to remove him (Zambry) from the house. Will the officers, who are not from Pakatan Rakyat, do so?"

"Where will Zambry sit (in the house)? What if (Pakatan Rakyat's ousted MB) Mohamed Nizar Jamaluddin sits in the menteri besar's seat?" he asked.

"Will Nizar be forced to vacate the seat? Will Zambry be in the house or outside the house. Let us, the rakyat, wait and see what will happen," he added.

Last Wednesday, the Perak crisis took a new twist when speaker P Sivakumar slapped Zambry and his six exco members with a 18 and 12 month suspension respectively for contempt of the state assembly.

This has effectively put Barisan Nasional as the minority in the state assembly which has to convene in April.

Umno is currently seeking the opinion of a Queen's Counsel (QC) on the constitutional issues which have plunged Perak into a political stalemate.

Earlier this month, BN seized power in the state with the help of four defectors who upset the delicate balance of power.

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