

**Who is the boss at Utusan?  
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KUALA LUMPUR - The flagrant disregard by Utusan Malaysia for Umno's (and BN's) stance in distancing itself from Malays rights group Perkasa spells that all is not well in the state of Denmark.

Umno supreme council member Nazri Aziz was reported by a news portal Wednesday to have asked the paper if it was "conspiring to replace the prime minister with predecessor Dr Mahathir Mohammad."

The paper has been deviating from Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak's Malaysia platform by repeatedly running pro-Perkasa editorials and is alleged to have published stories that smack of downright racism.

Umno Youth chief leader Khairy Jamaluddin has even issued a veiled attack on Twitter by saying that "a particular newspaper needs to be reminded who its owners are".

Nazri had also said that "I cannot understand Utusan. Who is their boss - Najib or Dr Mahathir?"

"I wonder sometimes if they have an agenda to bring back Dr Mahathir to replace Najib," he told the portal.

From their editorial thrust, it would appear that Utusan has an agenda of its own that is at variance with its political owners Umno that could damage the party in the long run.

The lack of action against Utusan has apparently frustrated party apparatchiks and really begs the question as to who really is in charge of what in the whole party apparatus.

The paper's recalcitrant stance has prompted Nazri to further assert that the paper, in their news angles "want to give Dr Mahathir more coverage than Najib. They seem to have their own agenda. Do they have an agenda to bring back Dr Mahathir to replace Najib?".

Utusan's support for Perkasa in an editorial carried on Sunday has raised questions whether the daily supports Najib or his administration.

And the lack of swift and decisive action against Utusan has set tongues wagging as to the state of affairs in the BN coalition's dominant partner.

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