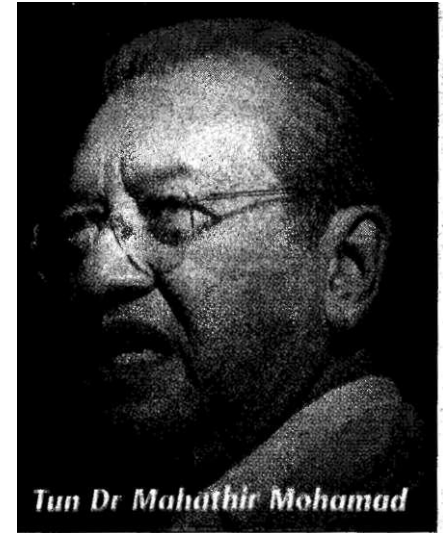


Tajudin Ramli's claim that Tun Dr M and Tun Daim forced him to buy a controlling stake in Malaysia Airlines...



AN OFFER HE COULDN'T REFUSE



THE ALLEGATIONS _____



- THAT he was told, in 1994, to buy the MAS stake as a 'national service' to bail out the Government and Bank Negara.
- THAT he did not want to buy the stake for RM1.8b as he was worried about financial losses.
- THAT Dr M and Daim assured him he would be protected from losses and liabilities. Told not to reveal arrangement.
- THAT he is a victim, not a beneficiary, as he lost it all despite the 'money-back guarantee'..
- **THE Government bought back the MAS stake in 2000 for RM8 a share, a premium of RM4.32 or 117% over the market price of RM3.68, giving rise to claims of a bailout.**



'Tajudin's decision to pay RM8 a share had aroused some suspicions, There was no reason for anyone to borrow so much money just to buy the shares. This is a matter for the courts to decide...'

Datuk Shahrir Samad

"I am not aware of it. I can't comment on what happened in 1994 but the buy-back of the shares by the Government was discussed in the Cabinet"

Datuk Seri Najib Razak

Tajudin's revelations involve fundamental public interest issues. They demand an immediate and satisfactory response.'



Lim Kit Siang