

People, not Dr M, will judge

DATUK Seri Nazri Aziz has belled the cat by stating that former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad wants to oust his successor Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

We agree with the Minister In the Prime Minister's Department who said as much to Umno delegates on Saturday, despite Mahathir's repeated denials

to date, what other objective can there be when the demands made on the prime minister would make his position untenable if he acquiesces to them?

Mahathir cannot continue to expect to be treated with kid's gloves if he puts on boxing gloves to punch at Abdullah. When the counter-punches fly, he cannot expect public sympathy

when he moans about it. He cannot whine about how ungrateful people are, and such statements that smack of emotional blackmail.

Mahathir should let Abdullah run the show and if he fails, he will answer to the people. This is because that's who a prime minister is answerable to - the people, not an individual, even if he is the former prime minister.