

Mukhriz upset over outburst against Dr M

KUALA LUMPUR: The outburst of leaders against former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has left his son Mukhriz upset.

He said his father's criticism of Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and his administration got many leaders worked up instead of providing the answers to the questions he had raised.

Mukhriz said he did not understand what the whole fuss was about especially when Abdullah's administration had given the undertaking to ensure greater transparency and it was open to criticism.

"It is easier to question Dr Mahathir's loyalty to the party and question his decision to criticise the Government without thinking how far it is rational and logical," he said after the Umno Youth Exco meeting here today.

"If answered satisfactorily, sooner or later the issues will die out. What he raised was rational, so answer rationally," he said.

Instead of providing answers, he said, there were some who challenged him for a debate and dismissed him saying he was no longer fit to give his views as he was only the former prime minister.

He said his father had voiced his dissatisfaction to him over



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the Government and several issues.

When asked whether he himself had provided an explanation during the Umno Youth exco meeting over his father's outburst on Wednesday, he said in jest: "The explanation is a secret."

"We listened to the views of the exco members but what is important is that we have to find a solution to the situation to ensure Umno remains strong," said Mukhriz, an exco member.

He said his father, being a party veteran, would handle the criticism himself. —
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