

Mahathir, let the PM do his job

SPEAKING as an ordinary citizen like Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, I see that the former prime minister has become over-sensitive about the way Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi's administration leads the country into greater transparency in an effort to woo more foreign investors to the region.

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Increasingly, we are reading about what transpired during Mahathir's administration.

For example, in an interview published in a local daily, former Tenaga Nasional Bhd chief Tan Sri Ani Arope pointed out what transpired during the signing of contracts that

favoured the Independent Power Producers (IPPs).

It was clear from Ani's own words that the Economic Planning Unit (EPU) had unilaterally put together contracts involving the IPPs and Ani, being the CEO of TNB then, had no say but to sign the contracts.

The terms and conditions in the contracts, according to Ani, were

unfavourable to TNB. Whether it was coincidental or not, Ani was removed from his job during the massive blackout that hit the nation.

He had refused to sign the contracts because the terms and conditions were unfavourable to TNB.

During the previous administration, stories of this nature would never have been published.

However, it is good that as the nation becomes more aware of what is happening, ordinary citizens like me will want to see the nation become a developed nation by 2020.

We want to rise to the occasion in support of the prime minister, whose tireless efforts, despite the loss of his wife, have won the hearts of ordinary citizens like me.

Mahathir's criticism of Pak Lah is therefore uncalled for, especially after the latter had made an effort to call on Mahathir at his hotel room when the two were in Japan for a conference recently.

This is a form of betrayal and backstabbing in some ways, because both Pak Lah and his deputy, Datuk Seri Najib Bazak had continuously reaffirmed that they valued Mahathir's contributions to the nation.

At this juncture, I appeal to the former prime minister to go about his business as an ordinary citizen, and let the country be run by the leaders of the day. Or else, he should realise that it will be no point crying over spilt milk when the rakyat lose respect for him.

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