

Up to Abdullah to reply - or not

PRIME MINISTER Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi agreed to meet Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad as a sign of respect to the former prime minister. But Dr Mahathir has not shown any appreciation, but goes on in autocratic style, and issues threats of future interference .

It is obvious what the problem is. Dr Mahathir wants our PM to *kow tow* to him or he (Dr Mahathir) will go all out to destroy his image. The question is, why must our PM or the government, entertain such disrespect?

I think the time has come for the prime minister to make a stand. Let Dr Mahathir say all he wants, but by writing directly to the PM.

Replying, or not, is the PM's prerogative. No one has a right to push the PM, who is elected by the people. Dr Mahathir will not stop because he has nothing else to do, and he wants things his way.

From the response so far, it is clear that everybody supports the prime minister.

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Brave stand

I CONGRATULATE Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad for making his stand despite the criticisms

thrown at him from all directions.

This same outspokenness was a cause for pride during his days, as the prime minister. Why is the public, as well as politicians, taking offence with his directness now?

What he said last Sunday is what he had been maintaining all along. He is unhappy with the way the country is being run, and as a former prime minister who has brought the country from just a name on the map to a place everyone recognises, he has a right to voice out his discontent.

He has built this country from scratch, and when he feels something is wrong, he has a right to voice it out.

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Extreme views

TUN Dr Mahathir Mohamad has gone overboard with his accusations against the present government. And it is not as if everything was faultless when he was prime minister.

I find that my respect is deteriorating by the day. Even my kampung folk are criticising him with words inappropriate for print.

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