

# Ex-PM should keep his promise

WHAT'S wrong with Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad? Can't he keep his promise that, after retiring as prime minister and having been in office for more than 22 years, he would spend more time with his family and play with his grandchildren?

No way! Now comes the urge to attract attention of a different kind. To him, it is the right kind but to most of us it is the wrong kind. He seems to be going on a personal vendetta by picking on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

Now he has decided to go on the warpath. He is beating his war drums with ferocity, howling and ranting. This even attracted the attention of the Sultan of Johor who has advised him to behave like a "pensioner and shut up".

This situation is unacceptable. Can't he understand that his days of power are over and no two men share the same style of thought or administration unless he clones himself?

To compare Dr Mahathir with Abdullah is like compar-

ing an apple to an orange. It is tilings his way. Now is the time for Malaysians and political leaders to rally fully in support of Abdullah.

I think from now on it will be better for Abdullah not to hold further talks with Dr Mahathir. The recent one at his official residence has proven to be a waste of time as Dr Mahathir only used him as a punching bag.

No matter how much the government tries to explain its policies, he refuses to see the facts and reasons. It is better for Dr Mahathir to retire with dignity before the rakyat turn against him.

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## Stop criticisms

IT is good practice that former stewards, whether company chief executive officers, football coaches or even former husbands or wives, to refrain from offering their ad-

vice once their term is over.

A company belongs to its shareholders and, therefore, should be allowed to elect its leader. Similarly, a party or government belongs to the voters. Once the voters have decided, just let the new man lead.

Any feedback can be channelled through tried-and-tested channels. No point making a big scene in public if previous decisions are reversed.

Can you imagine what chaos there would be if the former managing director of Malaysia Airlines, for example, were to nag the current MD every day on how to do his job? Similarly, former leaders should refrain from constant criticism.

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## Timely advice

THE call by the Sultan of Johor, who usually stays out of the running of the govern-

ment, for Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad to keep quiet came as a surprise to many. However, his few words "hit the nail on the head".

Dr Mahathir has gracefully stepped down and his attacks on the prime minister are not only unfair but certainly hitting below the belt. Dr Mahathir is indeed stretching the patience of the government and the prime minister.

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## Enjoy life

THE recent outburst by former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad was both unnecessary and unbecoming of a person of his stature.

It is time he enjoyed his retirement gracefully rather than get involved in the country's matters and pretending that only he knows what's best for the nation.

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