

DAP questions why Dr M did not act

KUALA LUMPUR: DAP leaders have questioned why Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad did not come up with evidence of wrongdoing, including corruption, when he was Prime Minister.

DAP chairman Karpal Singh said he was surprised that Dr Mahathir had all these years not come up with evidence of corruption.

"I call upon Dr Mahathir not to go on rhetoric," said Karpal, who added that Dr Mahathir should lodge a police report or a report with the Anti-Corruption Agency.

"The public demands that he does so immediately," he said in a statement in response to Dr Mahathir's revelation yesterday that he had evi-

dence of corrupt practices of a minister who served in his Cabinet.

"He was in my administration ... I know the agency had investigated one person but there was no follow-up. During my time, I thought action was going to be taken, but no," said Dr Mahathir who stepped down as Prime Minister in October 2003.

Dr. Mahathir, who said he would come out with evidence of corruption one at a time, also disclosed that certain Unmo division heads and supreme council members were involved in money politics.

DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng, in another statement, said he was surprised why Dr Mahathir

raised the matter only now and no action was taken when he was Prime Minister.

But Lim said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi should not ignore Dr Mahathir's threat to collect such evidence of corruption and should commit himself to demand an explanation from the ACA why no action was taken.

He said the ACA must be given full freedom to investigate corruption without interference from politicians and the Government.

Lim said allegations of such corruption must be treated seriously because they came from a former prime minister. — Bernama