

# Dr M to Nazri: Answer the points I have raised

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**PETALING JAYA:** In a show of obvious displeasure, Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad asked how Datuk Seri Mohamed Nazri Abdul Aziz's criticisms of him have addressed any of his objections to the calling off of the half-bridge project.

In the third and final instalment of a 45-minute exclusive interview with *Malaysia-kini* posted yesterday, Mahathir said: "I think I am entitled to make criticisms, and now, (they should) answer the points that I have raised."

"Don't just say 'well, he is a devil, therefore I shouldn't (answer)'. What is it that Nazri said on all (my) points? Tell me, on what points have I been wrong?" he asked.

Nazri, who is a Minister in the Prime Minister's Department, had openly criticised the former premier for raising objections to the current administration's decision to abort the project.

Nazri had said the decision to build the bridge that was to link Malaysia with Singapore was Mahathir's alone and the Cabinet was

not consulted during his leadership.

"Well, I suppose they have short memories. People forget, they are getting old. They've probably forgotten," Mahathir said.

The interview, which took six years to secure, was conducted on May 16 at the Petronas Twin Towers and ran in three parts beginning Tuesday.

Mahathir also rejected the possibility of a reconciliation with his former deputy Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, saying: "If I have reconciliation, it may be interpreted as my belief that actually nothing happened, that it was wrong, my mistake, (that) my decision was wrong, that this thing did not happen."

He also talked about Umno and failed steel company Perwaja, and said Malaysian history "should forget me".

On a lighter note, Mahathir said he was writing a book on his secret to good health, adding: "I will want to make some money out of it, advising you on how to look young."

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