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We need to move on, Syed Hamid tells Dr M

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PUTRAJAYA: Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad is no ordinary person and many Malaysians take whatever he says as the truth, said Umno supreme council member Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar.

He said that, due to this, whenever the former premier criticised the Government, it created a lot of uncertainty.

"One-third of our independence was under his rule, therefore he has become an icon for the group below 40 years," he said.

Syed Hamid said he hoped that Dr Mahathir would not say anything that would jeopardise the future of

Umno and Barisan Nasional.

"The election is over. Yes we did badly in several states, but we need to move forward, including Dr Mahathir.

"Give Pak Lah (Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi) an opportunity to build up public confidence," he told reporters after visiting the National Anti-Drug Agency here yesterday.

Syed Hamid added that investors needed to feel that there was political stability in the country.

Meanwhile, Umno Youth chief Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein has urged Umno and other Barisan component members to

stop blaming each other to prevent the situation from getting worse.

He said all quarters should do some soul-searching and adopt a more matured, sincere and courageous attitude in facing the post-election shocks.

"Our enemies out there are clapping their hands seeing our behaviour, stabbing each other.

"If we are still plagued with internal party problems, pointing fingers at each other and taking up a denial syndrome, there is no way our party can be revived and the party will forever be brushed aside," he said in a statement on Monday.

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