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# Dr M: Don't accept Hasan into Umno

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**BANTING:** Former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said Umno should not accept embattled Selangor Pas commissioner Datuk Dr Hasan Ali if he wanted to join the party.

"No, not Hasan. He boasted that the government spent RM1 million for him to get a doctorate and after that he repaid us by turning his back on the government. That's his gratitude.

"Politicians in this country do not know how to be thankful. You bring them up but they hit you in the head."

Dr Mahathir said this when asked if Umno would accept Hasan if he wanted to leave Pakatan Rakyat and join the party.

Dr Mahathir was visiting local shipbuilder NGV Tech Sdn Bhd in Sijangkang here yesterday.

PR leaders had urged Hasan to leave the coalition if he could not agree with its decisions and con-

stantly caused friction.

His latest move to criticise the proceedings of the Select Committee on Competence, Accountability and Transparency (Selcat) had been met with brickbats from all sides, including those in Pas.

Hasan had called for a change in the membership of Selcat and its method of questioning.

Dr Mahathir said he did not see anything wrong with Selcat inquiries as it was the right thing to do.

"It's good because if the wrongdoings of old leaders are not exposed, new leaders may think they can get away with doing the same.

"I was also investigated after I stepped down but they found nothing.

"They held an inquiry which claimed I listened to Vincent Tan on the appointment of judges," he said.



Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad (left) visiting local shipbuilder NGV Tech Sdn Bhd in Sijangkang, near Banting, yesterday. With him is the company's chairman, Zulkifli Shariff (second from left).