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## Leave before people get nasty, says Dr M

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad reiterated yesterday that it was high time Pas spiritual leader Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat stepped down from his post.

Dr Mahathir said a leader should know when to quit.

"A person should not lead for a long time. He will become old-fashioned," he said.

"Before people start saying 'when is this old man going to go', the leader should leave, or they might start saying nasty things about the person.

"That way, people will still remember you," Dr Mahathir said after the opening of the second National Asset and Facility Management (Nafam) convention by Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin yesterday.

The 78-year-old Nik Aziz was

appointed by consensus as spiritual leader in 1987.

Dr Mahathir also commented on the Pakatan Rakyat leadership, saying Parti Keadilan Rakyat, DAP and Pas were incompatible and were bound to quarrel.

"It was a marriage of convenience. Now, it has become inconvenient and (they) are finding fault with each other."

He said the alliance failed to rule Selangor, Penang, Kedah and Kelantan as they had been in opposition for too long.

"When you are the opposition, you don't have to do anything. The government has to do things.

"Now, they have formed a government but they do not know how to behave, except for being an opposition."