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Dr M keen to be unofficial adviser

TAIPING: Former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad will not accept any position in the cabinet, but will not mind being an adviser to the government in an unofficial capacity.

"I've retired, let me remain retired. I'm willing to give advice based on my experience in running the government," he said after a luncheon with government servants and businessmen here yesterday.

"I find that Umno is prepared to listen to the views of the people, at least that is what Datuk Seri Najib (Razak) has said. And he has taken early steps in that direction, like releasing the ISA detainees, lifting the ban on the two publications and going to the ground to meet people on his second day as prime minister."

Asked whether he would

continue to criticise the government, he said: "If the government does something that is not right, I will criticise, same as before, that's me."

On talk there was an era of "Mahathirism" emerging under the new leadership, he said there was nothing wrong with that.

"What's wrong with Mahathirism? It served the country well for 22 years."

On whether BN would secure a win in Bukit Gantang: "It looks very good, but of course we can't say for sure, but I believe we won't do as badly as the last time," he said, in reference to how Barisan Nasional fared in last year's general election.

He called on those living outstation and those who had left Umno to return to vote for the BN.