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# BN MPs happy with Najib's leadership

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Barisan Nasional lawmakers have broken their silence to defend Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak following recent harsh criticism by Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Barisan Nasional Backbenchers Club (BNBBC) chairman Tan Sri Shahrir Abdul Samad said Dr Mahathir's online comments had left Najib bewildered, even after the duo had met.

"I asked the Prime Minister what

was going on between him and Tun (Dr Mahathir). He answered that Tun was blowing hot and cold, which left him confused," he told reporters here yesterday.

"If Tun says that it was done because he loves the party, we too can say that we love the party.

"Shahrir said the situation was different when Dr Mahathir criticised Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

"At that time, we did not speak up as we were aware that Tun Abdullah intended to step down after the 12th general election. We did not want to add to the already tense situation then," he added.

Shahrir said Barisan MPs decided to voice their support for Najib as they were "satisfied and happy" with his leadership, and remain confident that Najib would answer the allegations against him.

At the Perak state legislative assembly, state BNCCB chairman Datuk Mohd Khusairi Abu Talib said Najib's leadership style is "appropriate".

Khusairi added Najib's burden was different from previous prime ministers as he has to deal with the borderless world of social media, where various issues and allegations were raised.