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# Najib, Dr M urged to settle differences like brothers

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Any problem between former premier Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Umno president and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak should be solved internally like “siblings”.

Minister in the Prime Minister’s Department Datuk Seri Dr Shahidan Kassim said it is best not to bring any issue out in the open, but to solve it through proper channels.

“I recommend that Umno secretary-general Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor be the mediator to work things out between both of them, like “brothers”.

“I will assist in making this happen,” the Umno supreme council member told reporters in Parliament yesterday.

Shahidan pointed out that Mahathir

has his own views when writing in his blog. Mahathir, in his latest post on chedet.cc, said Malaysians had lost trust in Najib, who should resign.

“Umno members and leaders need to be aware that Umno and Barisan Nasional would lose if Najib leads Umno until the 14th general election,” he wrote.

In the same posting, he also demanded answers over various things, including issues surrounding iMalaysia Development Board (iMDB) and the murder of Mongolian model Altantuya Shaariibuu.

Meanwhile, Umno veteran Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah (BN-Gua Musang) said it is time the questions posted by Mahathir were answered.

Razaleigh said Mahathir, who is an old hand at politics, knows the ground very well.

“He knows how things are run in political organisations in the run-up to

GEL4,” he said, adding that if issues are not resolved, Najib could face difficulties in getting support from the people.

However, Tengku Razaleigh stopped short of agreeing with Mahathir over the latter’s call for Najib to resign.

Meanwhile, in a separate press conference, Pulau MP Datuk Nur Jazlan Mohamed said Mahathir has the right to express his opinions and Najib need not step down as he still has both party and public support.

Nur Jazlan said the two leaders simply have different ideas of how the country should be run and which direction it should be headed.

“That is why discussions between them have not borne results,” he said.

Nur Jazlan said he does not see any evidence of a wane in support for Najib due to his family’s perceived lavish lifestyle and the iMalaysia Development Berhad (iMDB) issue.