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'Dr M hitting out in anger and hatred'

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KUALA LUMPUR: Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad is making statements against party president Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak out of anger and hatred instead of using sound judgment, says Umno supreme council member Datuk Seri Mohamed Nazri Abdul Aziz.

The Tourism and Culture Minister accused Dr Mahathir of making confusing statements, especially when he claimed that democracy in Malaysia was dead.

"Didn't he use the Internal Security Act against those who were out to cause chaos?"

"He feels that when he was the prime minister, everything was very good, but it was during his time that laws were overturned and the Lord President was sacked. His track record is worse," Nazri told reporters after launching a seminar on electronic records at the National Archives yesterday.

Nazri said that if democracy was dead as

claimed by Dr Mahathir, the former premier's blog would have been closed down, but it remained active and accessible to the public.

"There is a limit to democracy and even freedom of expression has its limits," he said.

Nazri defended the Government's action against those who flouted the law.

He said Government action against those who broke the law did not mean that there was no democracy in the country.

Nazri had been asked to comment on Dr Mahathir's recent blog postings claiming that democracy in the country was dead and that street rallies should be the last resort for the people to voice their unhappiness with the Government.

On the planned Bersih 4.0 rally on Aug 29 and 30, Mohamed Nazri said people were free to gather as long as the organisers met conditions under the law.

"There is no problem if they want to gather to shout and hit out at the Government," he said.