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Supporters and journalists crowd Mahathir as he was leaving PWTC yesterday.

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Dr M: Don't take credit for party's achievements

UMNO president Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak cannot take all the credit for the party's achievements, said Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Speaking to reporters after Najib's policy speech at the assembly, the former prime minister said although he agreed with Najib that Umno had managed to change the living standards of the Malays in the country, such achievements were made possible through years of struggle since the party's inception before

independence.

"I agree with his speech that Umno has managed to develop the country. But that is Umno, and not its leaders.

"Umno has succeeded but do not take credit as if it is our personal achievement. I myself have never taken credit," he said.

Mahathir and his wife Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamad Ali exited the main hall soon after Najib concluded his policy speech.

His supporters, who were

patiently waiting at the exit shouted "Hidup Tun" and started singing "Inilah Barisan Kita".

Things got a little chaotic when his supporters and media personnel started pushing against each other as the veteran leader walked towards his car.

Mahathir, who was initially jovial, appeared displeased at the crowd's pushing and shouting.

Exasperated, he said: "Please keep quiet. How can I answer your questions if it is too noisy?"