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Show your accounts, Dr M tells Najib

PETALING JAYA: Former premier Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday urged Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak to show proof that his assets were legal instead of issuing denials.

“Why doesn’t he answer the charges against him? Prove that it is not true. It is very easy to prove. Show your accounts,” Mahathir said in a video interview with the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) aired yesterday.

Mahathir, who denied working with the foreign media to topple Najib, said the PM should show the public proof that he has not taken any funds for personal use by allowing his accounts to be examined.

“I know all about the money that has been borrowed. All the other information, I read from the foreign news and I confirmed it by asking the local people. I don’t work with the foreign press,” he said.

On Najib’s allegation that he (Mahathir) started the crisis because Najib refused to implement some of his personal demands, Mahathir said: “I did ask him to build a bridge, continue with the railway line and all. But that is a minor thing to me, if you don’t want to do it.”

He said Najib’s decision to set up iMDB, borrow an extensive amount of RM42 billion with a high rate of interest, give commission of 10% and purchasing power plants with a price higher than the market price, showed that the company is not well managed and that there is no good business acumen.

A special task force, formed to probe the allegations, had on Monday ordered that the six bank accounts connected to allegations of channelling of funds to Najib to be frozen.