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IT'S ALL HYPE

KUALA LUMPUR: Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak said yesterday that the alleged "bigger mess" that Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad had accused him of creating in the country, is largely the latter's own doing, as a result of his attacks and his echoing of opposition lies and slander.

Commenting in the frequently-asked-questions section of his blog, najibrazak.com, the prime minister said these allegations had been amplified through the internet, something that Dr Mahathir did not have to face when he was the premier.

Alleged 'BIGGER MESS' largely Dr M's doing, says Najib

He reckoned that Dr Mahathir has clearly been taken in by the democratisation of information on social media where all information, no matter how untrue, is treated as the truth.

"Just because a lie is spread a thousand times does not make it true. With such an onslaught online, it's not surprising that Tun

thinks there is a bigger 'mess' today," said Najib, who also addressed criticism levelled against him and his administration, the controversial iMalaysia Development Berhad (iMDB), the Goods and Services Tax (GST), the iMalaysia People's Aid (BRiM), the purchase of an official jet and Sabah security concerns.

Acknowledging that his administration, like any other, is not without challenges, Najib noted that the government's track record over the past six years shows that it is making things better for all Malaysians.

"And we'll continue to deliver on our promises to transform the economy, government and the country as we reach Vision 2020," said Najib, who urged Malaysians to keep the faith and work towards this rather than fight among themselves.

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