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'Pandikar unhappy with PM'

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Speaker doesn't like how Govt is treating him, says ex-premier

PUTRAJAYA: Tan Sri Pandikar Amin Mulia said he was unhappy with the Government and how he was being treated as Dewan Rakyat Speaker, says Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"He told me about his unhappiness with Datuk Seri Najib (Tun Razak) and that he wanted to step down.

"He asked me what he should do and I said if you want to resign, resign," Dr Mahathir told newsmen at the launch of the second volume of his book *Dr Mahathir's Selected Letters to World Leaders* here yesterday.

Dr Mahathir said he was merely repeating what Pandikar Amin had said to him about wanting to resign

over his unhappiness at the way Parliament was treating him as the Speaker.

"He even told me that he would not be presiding the (current) parliament sitting.

"Now, he is saying that he never said that and is shaming me as if I have lied," said Dr Mahathir, adding that it was Pandikar Amin who came to see him and related his feelings to him.

Earlier, when answering a query from the audience, Dr Mahathir said Pandikar Amin had complained about the way his room in Parliament House was furnished.

"He said his room is so shabby, how can they treat a Speaker like

this? Maybe that's why he was unhappy and he could have decided to stay on after the room was refurbished," he added.

On Najib's response to 13 issues raised against him and his administration, Dr Mahathir described it as "non-answers".

"He did not even answer, but continued asking the people to wait for the Auditor-General's investigations on 1MDB.

"Wait for how long? We do not even know when the report will be out.

"We want to know where the money went. They can claim to have the assets, but where that initial money went still needs to be

investigated," he added, referring to 1MDB's RM42bil debt.

Dr Mahathir said the murder of Mongolian model Altantuya Shariibuu was being raised now because an individual was facing the death sentence over the matter.

"Yes, it is an old case, but the death sentence happened recently. And someone is facing the death sentence for allegedly following orders.

"He said the Government's purchase of a new executive jet was for safety purposes, but what about the security of Sabah?

"People are being kidnapped in Sabah. What is the Government doing about it? It is a serious issue," he said.