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LIVING IN GLASS HOUSES:

Big trouble for ex-PM, family if lavish lifestyle accepted as evidence of corruption, says Salleh

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COMMUNICATIONS and Multimedia Minister Datuk Seri Salleh Said Keruak is asking whether Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad really wants Malaysians to decide who should lead the country.

In his latest blog posting, entitled *Does Dr Mahathir want Malaysians to decide or not?*, Salleh asked what Dr Mahathir would do if Malaysians indicated that they wanted Datuk Seri Najib Razak to stay as prime minister.

"He said he just wants to change the prime minister. He will let Malaysians decide on what system they want after Malaysia gets a new prime minister," he said at sskeruak.blogspot.com yesterday.

"The question now would be, why did Dr Mahathir not change the system when he was

prime minister for 22 years?

"Since Dr Mahathir wants to allow Malaysians to decide their future, what if Malaysians decide they still want Najib Razak as the Prime Minister? Is Dr Mahathir prepared to agree to this?"

Salleh said: "As far back as 2008, Dr Mahathir had already announced that he wants a Presidential Council to be set up and for the country to be run by a Council of Elders.

"More than seven years later, he is still pushing for that to be implemented although there is no such system in the Constitution or the Westminster system of government."

Earlier yesterday, Dr Mahathir was reported as saying that he was only concerned with ousting Najib, and that changing the system should be left to the next leader.

Salleh also hit out at Dr Mahathir's statement that the courts should accept an individual's lavish lifestyle as evidence of corruption.

"Dr Mahathir also said that a lavish lifestyle is evidence enough that someone is corrupt and that the court can take action against that person. You do not need any other evidence other than that."

Salleh said if that was how the new legal system was supposed to work, even Dr Mahathir would not be safe, based on the lavish lifestyle of his family. They would need to prove they were not corrupt or they would have to go to jail.