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Dr M: I did not advocate violence

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KUALA LUMPUR: Ousting a prime minister through street rallies is common in a democratic nation, said Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The former prime minister, in reference to his attendance during the Bersih 4 rally, said he did not advocate violence by taking part in a protest against the government.

“Overthrowing a democratically-elected prime minister through street demonstration is normal. I did not advocate violence. In a democracy, the overthrowing of a prime minister or a government is common. Recently, Australia’s prime minister was overthrown by his own party. The Romanian prime minister resigned because a nightclub caught fire and people died.

“So what was wrong with me attending a demonstration to demand Najib be overthrown as PM?” Dr Mahathir said in his blog, chedet.com.