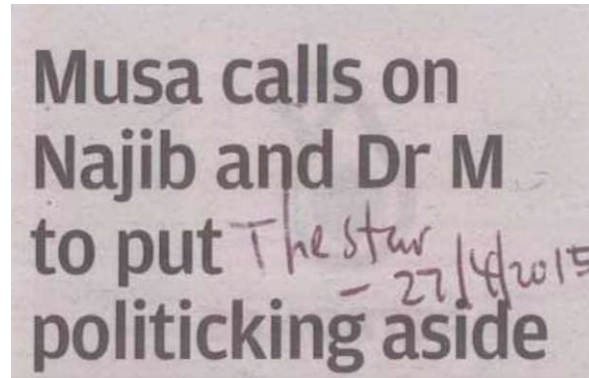


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KUALA LUMPUR: There is an intense "implosion" taking place within Umno now, said Tun Musa Hitam.

The situation was "unhealthy and confusing" and there was an "eerie sense of loss of direction in the country, which can be felt across the board", he said yesterday.

He was alluding to the recent attacks by former premier Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

Musa was speaking to reporters after being conferred an honorary degree by HELP University, becoming a Doctor of Letters in Law.

In his acceptance speech, Musa, who served as deputy prime minister under Dr Mahathir between 1981 and 1986, called upon leaders, both "the past ones who want to be present and the present ones who may fast be past", to put aside their politicking and work for the good of the country.

Musa also advised them to focus on "alleviating the socio-economic conditions" instead of falling into "the trap of being diverted" by political games.

Meanwhile, he told the graduates to look beyond their degree and have good characteristics.