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No-confidence vote absolutely legal: Mahathir

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KUALA LUMPUR: Former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday stressed that a vote of no-confidence in Parliament against an elected leader is absolutely legal.

He said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak and his supporters have been trying to make it appear that tabling a vote of no-confidence is an illegal

way to overthrow the elected government.

Stressing that it is in no way an abuse of the democratic system, Mahathir said a no-confidence vote against Najib is now necessary.

He alleged that Najib has made BN MPs beholden to him by giving them lucrative posts in the government.

"One of them, who once claimed to have documentary evidence of Najib's misconduct, now gladly supports him after being made a minister.

"Other BN MPs have also been turned around after a short closed-door talk and appeals to their greed," Mahathir alleged in his latest blog posting.

He claimed that as a result,

Umno, the party that won independence for Malaysia, has become a bad, corrupt party and people are disgusted with it now.

Mahathir claimed Najib's lack of respect for the law and constitution and his willingness to buy politicians and civil servants may also mean the end of parliamentary democracy in Malaysia.