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Call for Dr M to address issues

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HOT SEAT: He is invited to answer questions on his 22-year premiership

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*Solidariti Anak Muda Malaysia founder **Badrul Hisham Shaharin** says there is no need to hail Dr Mahathir as a hero*

SOLIDARITI Anak Muda Malaysia (SAMM) is calling former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad to the "hot seat" and to take part in the #Nothing2Hide programme to answer questions raised by the public during his 22 years of premiership.

SAMM founder Badrul Hisham Shaharin said the programme would be a reminder to the people of Dr Mahathir's "deeds", whom he said had come out like a "hero" following the IMalaysia Development Bhd (IMBD) issue.

Badrul Hisham, also known as Chegubard, said the time and

venue of the programme would be decided upon Dr Mahathir's confirmation to participate.

"We plan to get those who have been persecuted by Dr Mahathir during his political career to attend the event.

"We hope he will be able to answer the allegations made against him, including alleged efforts to overthrow Prime Minister Datuk Seri

Najib Razak," he said, after handing over the invitation at Dr Mahathir's office at Perdana Leadership Foundation here yesterday.

He said as the former prime minister thought highly of himself, he should not have any issues about attending or debating anyone.

"Many people had asked him for a debate session but he declined. Now that he wants to debate, he should come forward and do so. I do not think he will have any problems in addressing questions posed to him.

"We just want him to answer the questions. This is not a personal attack, but more on his actions during his 22 years of leadership.

"I am not defending Najib as I have criticised him. He is still answerable to the issues raised by the people. Najib should face the people directly.

"But, there is no need to hail Dr Mahathir as a hero just because he raised the IMDB issue."

Chegubard said SAMM would set up the venue and make arrangements for the programme.