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IACM president Datuk Dr Visweswaran Navaratnam (left) and deputy president R. K. Sundrem present a memento to Mahathir at the launch of the council yesterday.

Cabinet can't deal with state investment arm's problem: Dr M

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KUALA LUMPUR: The ultimatum given to Cabinet ministers by Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak shows that the entire Cabinet cannot deal with the problems surrounding the state investment arm iMDB.

Pointing out that although it is Najib's right as the prime minister to give the ultimatum, former premier Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the ministers each have their own views but that they are "unable to speak".

"What is obvious is that the whole Cabinet seems unable to deal with this iMDB problem. Some do not understand what's going on or think it is none of their business,

and others think it is safer not to say anything," he told a press conference after launching the Indian Advisory Council Malaysia (IACM) yesterday.

Asked if the ultimatum is a move to silence the Cabinet, Mahathir said that during his time, he dropped ministers who did not agree with his policies but later brought them back in when they agreed with him.

"I did not punish them (Cabinet ministers), I accepted them back," he said.

On another matter, Mahathir said he has not been invited to the "Nothing to Hide" forum tomorrow where Najib is to answer queries on iMDB. - by Karen Arukesamy