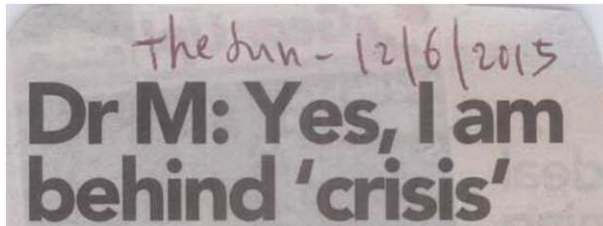


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KUALA LUMPUR: Former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday "admitted" he was behind the "crisis" sparked off by the iMalaysia Development Berhad (iMDB) controversy as alleged by Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak.

"I will admit that I am behind the 'crisis'. I am behind it because there is a climate of fear in this country.

"Lots of people know about the loss of billions of ringgit by iMDB. These people are in a position to know because they have seen evidence of this loss. But they are afraid because of actions which the government can take against them. They may lose their jobs, or contracts or expectations of titles, etc," he said in his latest blog posting.

He said these people then came to see him asking him to "do something".

"For along time, I desisted because I know if I reveal the wrong-doings of iMDB, it will lead to the prime minister being questioned," he said.

He added that he had tried to do it privately. But there was no result. "I told the prime minister I no longer supported him. No result.

"So, I had to go public. Najib has destroyed Umno and Barisan Nasional I know he would lose the next election. And then the whole country will see turmoil as no party would have the majority to run the country," he said.

He said the Opposition cannot because its members would be quarrelling among themselves.

Without a strong government, Mahathir said the country would become anarchic and the resulting crisis would be worse.

"So, I decided to expose the wrong-doings of iMDB of which the prime minister is effectively the head. Is there a crisis? There is. It is caused by the prime minister creating iMDB which borrowed huge sums of money and lost billions of ringgit."