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Settle differences amicably, Mubarak tells Dr M

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KUALA LUMPUR: Resolve your differences with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak amicably, the Malaysian Council of Former Elected Representatives (Mubarak) has told Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Mubarak president Tan Sri Abdul Aziz Abdul Rahman said the former prime minister should refrain from airing his views in public.

"As a venerable statesman, Dr Ma-

hathir should share his views in a more congenial manner. He should sit down with Najib and thrash out their differences among themselves.

"If you do it out in the open, this may lead to public confusion," Aziz said during a press conference at Mubarak's headquarters in Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman here yesterday.

Aziz, a former member of parliament for Temerloh, added that Dr Mahathir's public criticisms against Najib would only weaken Barisan Nasional and indirectly strengthen the opposition.

"The next general election is coming in the next two years or so. If the situation persists, it will only become worse and the opposition will stand to gain the most," he warned.

Dr Mahathir, the country's longest-serving prime minister, had in recent weeks launched several verbal and written attacks against Najib over several issues, including those related to Malaysia Development Berhad, the 2006 murder of Mongolian model Altantuya Shaari-ibuu, the Sedition Act 1948, and the implementation of the Goods and Services Tax.