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'Dr M's attacks on PM unethical'

PETAUNG JAYA: Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad's attacks on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak and Malaysia Development Bid (IMDB) are "irresponsible, unjustified and highly unethical", said an anti-corruption activist.

Tunku Abdul Aziz Tunku Ibrahim yesterday raised against Dr Mahathir's call for him to "shut up" after he raised questions on the latter's methods in managing the country's wealth when the former premier was in power, especially relating to the Bumiputra Malaysia Finance Limited (BMF) scandal.

In his blog, Dr Mahathir told Tunku Aziz to investigate those purportedly involved in the IMDB Rasco and not probe allegations that funds were embezzled during the former prime minister's time in office.

Tunku Aziz told a press conference that Dr Mahathir should refrain from imposing standards on others and another for himself.

He also threw down the gauntlet against Dr Mahathir to substantiate his accusations against IMDB.

"If he comes forward with evidence, or with new information, he does not have to come to me. Who am I?" asked Tunku Aziz.

"He should take the matter directly to MACC (Malaysia Anti-Corruption Commission) or to the police. I have no authority to investigate anything.

"If he is still insistent on people producing proof at the drop of a hat, if he thinks you are saying something which impinges on his integrity... now what I am saying here is what is sauce of the goose should also be sauce for the gander.

"In other words, the same standards apply. When I wrote about the BMF affair, he was rattled and started attacking me.

"If he had read my article carefully, he should realise that no such allegations (of embezzlement) were lobbed against him," said Tunku Aziz.