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**No successor for Vision 2020: Tun M**  
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**PETALING JAYA:** Former premier Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday said he did not train any successor to lead the nation towards achieving Vision 2020 as he believed in leadership by example.

In his latest blog post, Mahathir said his "very good friend, colleague, former Umno deputy president and deputy prime minister" blamed him for failing to achieve Vision 2020 due to the former premier's failure to groom successors.

"My first failure was Tun Musa Hitam himself. He could not wait for me to retire. So he resigned after five years being my deputy, in a government his boys called the MM (Mahathir-Musa) government.

"He thought the Umno supreme council would throw me out and appoint him as president but instead the council decided to persuade him to return as DPM and deputy president in which he subsequently agreed and came back as deputy president," Mahathir said.

Despite coming back, Mahathir said Musa then persuaded Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah, an erstwhile rival and enemy of Musa, to contest for the president's post against him.

"Although he did that against me, I still overlooked his 'bad faith' and appointed him as Special Envoy to the United Nations with ministerial rank.

"At the same time, I also appointed all those who were not loyal to me, Tan Sri Syed Hamid Albar, Tan Sri Abdul Kadir Sheikh Fadzir, Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and Tan Sri Rais Yatim who had sided with Tengku Razaleigh, as ministers in my Cabinet where later one of them, Tun Abdullah was named as my successor as prime minister," Mahathir said.

He added that instead of opting for loyalists, he had chosen and appointed those who were disloyal to him.

"I did not train anyone because I believed in leadership by example."

"I must have set a bad example because those who succeeded me all failed to make a success of Vision 2020," he said.

"Dear Musa, thank you very much for pinpointing the cause of the failure of Vision 2020. You must have known this in 1986, long before the Vision.

"It must have been your foresight which caused you to resign from the government I headed. So no one can blame you. Your service to me and the nation will go down in history," Mahathir concluded.