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Mind your own business, Dr M told

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KUALA LUMPUR: Former Umno president Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has been told to stop interfering in matters concerning the party.

Commenting on his open letter calling for Umno branch members to reject party president Datuk Seri Najib Razak's leadership, branch leaders urged the former prime minister "to mind his own business" as he was no longer a party member.

Kampung Parit Selangor Umno branch chief Datuk Nasir Safar said Dr Mahathir should stop telling party members how they should go about their duties.

"Umno remains united. But Dr Mahathir has changed, judging from his stand, thoughts and support. He has no right to comment on the party."

In the open letter, Dr Mahathir also urged Umno members to submit a motion calling for party elections to be held this year and replace Najib.

Kionop Umno branch chief Mohd Fadzli Abdullah said the branch rejected the Mahathir-Kit Siang declaration.

He said it was unforgivable for Dr Mahathir to team up with the opposition, especially DAP.

"He is no longer an Umno member. He cannot tell us what to do. We will continue to support Najib."

Stesen Lahat Umno branch chief Abdul Aziz Abdul Rani said Dr Mahathir's motive was clearly personal.

"From the open letter, Dr Mahathir's agenda is clear. He should let the current leadership steer the party. He must remember that he is no longer with Umno.

"The declaration he made with the opposition has shown his true colours. If he wants to hug or shake hands with the opposition, that is fine because there is a relationship between them as leaders. But to cooperate with them carries another meaning altogether."