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# PM: Ignore Dr M's declaration

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He seems to have forgotten opposition's actions, says Najib

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak has urged the people to ignore the Mahathir-Kit Siang declaration.

Describing former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad as being critical of the opposition then, Najib said the elder statesman seemed to have forgotten what the opposition had done during his 22 years in office.

He said Dr Mahathir used to criticise DAP, saying it was chauvinistic for trying to deprive Malays of their rights and suppress Islam, and described Lim Kit Siang as a racist leader.

"We have heard his (Dr Mahathir) speeches. Who is he sitting with now, sharing the table, shaking hands and signing a declaration?"

"You (Dr Mahathir) once described this person (Lim) as an enemy of Umno.

"Where is the principle, morality and political dignity?" he asked at a solidarity gathering at the Royal Malaysian Air Force base here yesterday.

Najib, who is also Umno president, said Dr Mahathir was the one



Prime Minister **Datuk Seri Najib Razak** being greeted by supporters at the Royal Malaysian Air Force base in Kuantan yesterday. Pic by Luqman Hakim Zubir

who said street demonstrations were against the law and undemocratic.

"Now it is different. How can someone attempt to bring down a government by holding protests and

street demonstrations?"

He said many people had been telling him to be patient but he believed that there was a limit.

"I can be patient, but not when someone starts to kick and step on

the head. I will retaliate but through the proper channels."

Najib expressed his gratitude to the people at the gathering and said he was moved by their support.

"You've known me since my days

as Pahang menteri besar 40 years ago. I am not a *penyangak* (crook), as claimed by certain people. I am responsible for the trust and mandate given by the people to serve and look into their needs."