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**Dr M tells why he quit Proton**  
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**PETALING JAYA:** Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said he resigned as Proton chairman because the company appeared to be experiencing hiccups with the government and a slump in sales due to unknown reasons.

“I was not expelled by the Proton management or owners. I decided on my own that for the sake of Proton I should leave,” the former premier added.

“I have no grudge against Proton nor do I want it to fail after I leave. This is because Proton seems to be having difficulties with the government and for some unknown reason, sales of Proton cars have plummeted,” he wrote on his blog chedet.cc yesterday.

Mahathir said he knows that he is now “persona non grata” with the government and does not want to be the reason for Proton’s inability to recover.

He also said the company has paid more to the government than the government to Proton.

“The government claims to have provided grants, various forms of assistance as well as tax foregone to the tune of about RM13.9 billion. Most of this is made up of tax foregone,” he said. - by **Vathani Panirchellvum**