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Shabery: Dr M's efforts akin to father trying to kill his son

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KUALA LUMPUR: Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad's efforts in trying to take down Barisan Nasional is akin to a "father trying to kill his son", said Umno Supreme Council member Datuk Seri Ahmad Shabery Cheek.

"To me, this is akin to a father trying to kill his son, even after it was he who had raised the boy himself. It is unbecoming.

"Now, not only is he shunned by BN members, it appears that he is not accepted by the opposition," Shabery said at Parliament yesterday.

Shabery, who is also agriculture and agro-based industry minister, said members of the ruling coalition were very disappointed with Dr Mahathir.

"His actions will not jeopardise BN's campaigns. We are not worried because we do not depend on individuals; BN is about teamwork."

On Monday, Umno secretary-general Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor said the former prime minister was out to "kill BN" as he continued to discredit Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

Dr Mahathir, a former Umno president, on Saturday had called on the

opposition to unite in the coming Sungai Besar and Kuala Kangsar by-elections to defeat BN.

Dr Mahathir has joined forces with his long-time political foe, DAP adviser Lim Kit Siang, to oust Najib through the so-called "Save Malaysia" campaign.

The campaign has caused disquiet among the ranks of the opposition, with jailed former opposition leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim penning a letter calling on PKR leaders to distance themselves from Dr Mahathir's efforts.

Deputy Home Minister Datuk Nur Jazlan Mohamed said Anwar probably knew Dr Mahathir better than others.

"I think Anwar, being a victim of Dr Mahathir all those years ago, knows what he is talking about. He knows the true colours of Dr Mahathir.

"We used to respect him as the leader of the country for 22 years; and 50 odd years as an Umno leader. Now, he is saying he wants BN to lose in the by-elections. That shows his insincerity."



Datuk Seri Ahmad Shabery Cheek