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Four investigation papers opened on Dr M, says IGP

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KUALA LUMPUR: Four investigation papers have been opened on former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, including for allegedly promoting foreign interference in domestic matters.

“We have opened four investigation papers. Some (investigations) have been completed and sent to the Attorney-General to be discussed,” said Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Khalid Abu Bakar at Bukit Aman yesterday.

Khalid said the investigations, among others, were focused on Dr Mahathir’s call for foreign intervention and sedition.

It was reported that in an interview with *The Weekend Australian*, Dr Mahathir had allegedly said the chances of ousting Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak were slim if there was no external pressure.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi had said that during Dr Mahathir’s rule, from 1981 to 2003, the latter had frequently reminded government officers and party leaders not to cooperate with foreign powers to tarnish Malaysia’s image.

At a later event, Dr Mahathir denied he was seeking the intervention of foreign media in the internal affairs of the country.

“I didn’t ask for any foreign interference.

“All I said was that all the means of redress in this country have been shut down by Najib. So, I will tell the foreign press about that.

“If they (police) want to investigate, let them investigate. I’ve been under investigation twice.

“They have investigated and arrested my friends and, as if that was not enough, the Inland Revenue Board has been going after them, too,” Dr Mahathir said after delivering a talk on nation building at a forum hosted by the Human Life Advancement Foundation.