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# Dr M will look for any excuse to attack Najib, says Salleh

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**KUALA LUMPUR** Former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad is hiding behind the excuse that whatever he is doing is for the good of Umno. But there is actually nothing good about it, says Communications and Multimedia Minister Datuk Seri Salleh Said Keruak.

“How can going into partnership with (DAP adviser) Lim Kit Siang, the man who dislikes Umno the most, and the rest of the opposition be considered for the good of Umno?”

“Is burning down the house an act of improving the house?” Salleh said in his latest blogpost titled “Mahathir no longer represents Umno.”

He said Dr Mahathir was so deeply entrenched with DAP that he had become an enemy of Umno.

Dr Mahathir, he said, had made no secret of the fact that he wanted to punish Umno, just like he openly did in 2008.

“Umno has to realise that Dr Ma-

hathir is working closely with Lim and DAP with the hopes that Barisan Nasional will perform badly during the 14th General Election.

“This is why Dr Mahathir cannot accept the positive decision made by Public Accounts Committee regarding 1Malaysia Development Bhd and the explanation given by the Saudi Arabian government that the RM2.6 billion is indeed a donation.

“Dr Mahathir will continue to search for whatever excuse to attack the prime minister,” he said.

The Sabah Umno deputy chief said Dr Mahathir appeared to be very confused about what his real motives were.

On one hand, Salleh said, Dr Mahathir opposed Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak and wanted him to be replaced to save Umno,

and by extension, BN.

“If Najib is detrimental to the party, and, therefore, should be replaced, who does Mahathir propose as the replacement?”

“This, Mahathir will not state. He even said that it should not even be Deputy Prime Minister (Datuk Seri Dr) Ahmad Zahid Hamidi.

“As Najib said last week in an interview with Indonesian media, Mahathir was upset that his son, Mukhriz, had failed to climb the Umno ladder where he attempted to secure the Umno Youth leadership in 2009 and an Umno vice-president’s seat in 2013,” he said.

This, Salleh said, would be a prerequisite for Mukhriz to become deputy prime minister and later, he added, the prime minister. However, it now appeared impossible.



**Datuk Seri Mohd Salleh Said Keruak**