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Ti: Dr M a megalomaniac with no dignity

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KUALA LUMPUR: Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has lost his self-respect and dignity for siding with the Opposition, says Datuk Seri Ti Lian Ker.

The former premier is in no position to comment on or judge MCA, he added.

Ti, a MCA central committee member, came to Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai's defence after Dr Mahathir criticised the party president along with the MCA in a blog post yesterday.

Calling Dr Mahathir a megalomaniac and egocentric man, Ti pointed out that the 91-year-old former prime minister is letting off steam on MCA after the nation stopped listening to him.

"This goes to show that MCA is still important and relevant," said Ti tongue-in-cheek in a statement.

In his blog *Chedet.cc*, Dr Mahathir slammed MCA for working with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, calling it "the worst example of a lack of principle".

Dr Mahathir went as far as to describe the Chinese-based party as an appendage of Umno, saying MCA is an opportunistic party that just wants to *bodek* (curry favour) with Najib.

Rebutting his claims, Ti said Dr Mahathir had lost credibility and respect after losing support from Umno and the fact that his newly-formed Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia was unable to garner Malay support.

"In the end, he has to resort to

seeking support from his one-time nemesis Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and Lim Kit Siang whom he had previously condemned with the most unflattering adjectives."

He added that Dr Mahathir was trying to pick on MCA by recycling the same allegations against Najib.

Ti, who is also the party's religious and harmony bureau chief, said MCA was a party that practised democracy in accordance with the rule of law and the people's will, not any person.