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# Leaders lambast + Dr M for Idi Amin remark

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**KUALA KANGSAR:** Barisan Nasional leaders expressed their disappointment over Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad's remarks likening Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak to African dictator Idi Amin Dada.

"He (Dr Mahathir) is the one doing anything he can to remove the prime minister," Umno vice-president Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Hussein said after a gotong-royong to build a house for a single mother in Bendang Kering here yesterday.

Hishammuddin said the people should also be wary of former Wanita Umno vice-chief Datuk Kamalia Ibrahim, who joined Dr Mahathir in his programmes here.

Gerakan Youth chief Tan Keng Liang also expressed disappointment with Dr Mahathir's analogy.

"Idi Amin came into power via a military coup, while Najib became the prime minister through a democratic election process," he said.

MCA central committee member Datuk Seri Ti Lian Ker said it was out of line for a man of Dr Mahathir's age and stature to resort to name-calling.

In his speech at Kampung Baru Jerlun here yesterday, Dr Mahathir had called Najib the Idi Amin of Malaysia, apart from accusing him of being a pest and traitor.

The late Idi Amin was Uganda's third president, as is known for his brutal regime and crimes against humanity while in power from 1971 to 1979.