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# Malacca CM: Dr M losing credibility

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**TARNISHED:** He should instead be using his experience to lead next generation of leaders, says Idris

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**F**ORMER premier Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad is losing his credibility as more and more people are challenging him to contest the next general election.

“I believe that the more challenges thrown at Dr Mahathir, the more he will lose his credibility as an elder statesman,” Malacca Chief Minister Datuk Seri Idris Haron said yesterday.

He added that opposition leader Datuk Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail should continue challenging Dr Mahathir to contest the next

general election, especially if the former prime minister was to replace her as opposition leader.

It was reported that Dr Wan Azizah had made the call when asked to comment on Communications and Multimedia Minister Datuk Seri Salleh Said Keruak’s challenge to Dr Mahathir to openly lead the opposition instead of hiding behind a supposedly apolitical movement.

Idris said as a senior politician, it was better if Dr Mahathir used his experience for the betterment of the country.

“He should be using his experience to lead younger leaders and the younger generation to build a Malaysia that is more progressive and cultured, with high civilisation values.”

In **Kuching**, Sarawak Deputy Chief Minister Tan Sri Dr James Jemut Masing likened Dr Wan Azizah’s challenge to Dr Mahathir as nothing but a “joke”.

“Dr Wan Azizah challenging Dr Mahathir to contest the next general election before he can take charge of the opposition is correct. However, I do not think it is practical. Therefore, it is nothing but a joke.”