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# 'Dr M's attacks aimed at seeing son become PM'

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**MOTIVE:** That's why he had not named successor to Najib, says Puad

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**T**UN Dr Mahathir Mohamad's attacks on the government and Umno are due to his desire to see his son, Datuk Seri Mukhriz Mahathir, becoming prime minister.

Umno Supreme Council member Datuk Dr Mohd Puad Zarkashi said this had been the intention of the former prime minister all these while and he was willing to slander Prime Minister and Umno president Datuk Seri Najib Razak to ensure it happened.

"The real motive for Dr Mahathir's attacks to unseat Najib is because he wants Mukhriz to become prime minister.

"This is why he did not name anyone to replace Najib.

"Dr Mahathir is so obsessed with his agenda to have Mukhriz become the PM that he will slander Najib and sit at the same table as (DAP adviser) Lim Kit Slang, who is an enemy of Malays and Muslims," said Puad in a statement yesterday.

He said Dr Mahathir's move to quit Umno had allowed him to become an ally of DAP to force Najib to step down through street demonstrations.

Puad, however, said Dr Mahathir's intention would be futile as Umno members would not accept a top leader who did not pay his dues and worked his way from the bottom.

"Mukhriz needs to understand that there are no shortcuts to becoming Umno president and prime minister.

"It is apparent that Mukhriz and Dr Mahathir fail to understand that Umno will reject leaders who are greedy for power and position, and also those who want to oust the Umno president through an enemy of Malays and Muslims, which is DAP."

Dr Mahathir and Mukhriz, who is former Kedah menteri besar, were among more than 50 political leaders who signed a document to oust Najib last Friday.

Liri was among the opposition leaders present at the event.

On Sunday, Najib said the move by Dr Mahathir and Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, who was recently suspended as Umno deputy president, to become allies with the opposition was a big mistake.

Najib said many rank-and-file members and party leaders had expressed anger with the duo as they were in cahoots with the opposition to unseat a democratically-elected leadership.



**Datuk Dr Mohd Puad Zarkashi** says former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad is willing to slander the prime minister to achieve his goal