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Ku Li doesn't support Dr M's drive

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MOVEMENT: Umno veteran also says he's not eyeing PM's post

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UMNO veteran Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah does not support the "Save Malaysia" movement led by former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and has no intention of becoming the next prime minister.

Tengku Razaleigh, better known as Ku Li, said he had never agreed to the movement to forge the Dr Mahathir-Lim Kit Siang declaration as it was not in accordance with the Federal Constitution.

"I met him (Dr Mahathir) when he wanted to start this movement and I asked him how this will end.

"He said he wanted to use the support in the form of signatures to pressure the top leadership for Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak to step down.

"I told him that (the method) does



Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah speaking during a media briefing at his office in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. Pic by Mohd Yusni Ariffin

not follow the Constitution. I've said I don't support it."

He said he attended the press conference with Dr Mahathir only because he was against the use of the

Security Offences (Special Measures) Act 2012 on former Batu Kawan Umno vice-chief Datuk Khairuddin Abu Hassan and lawyer Matthias Chang, stressing that he

would not sign the declaration as he was not a part of it.

Ku Li denied any knowledge of a statutory declaration (SD) purportedly naming him as the new prime minister.

"I have no knowledge of the SD. I looked at it on Facebook and it looks like a letter addressed to the Agong quoting my name as an example, not promoting me or naming me as prime minister.

"I was used only as an example, a person who has experience, integrity and all that.

"You cannot appoint anybody unless the Agong agrees to it. This must be someone who has the confidence of the majority of the Dewan Rakyat," he said at his office here yesterday.

DAP lawmaker Liew Chin Tong revealed an unsigned SD, which allegedly asked for Ku Li's promotion to the post of prime minister.

Liew, who is Kluang member of parliament, posted photos of the three-page document on his Facebook page on Monday.

Ku Li said he did not know who wrote the document.

"I'm not the author. If I'm the author, I would not have put my name on it."

He said he did not get signatures

from any MPs to get their support.

"No (I didn't). Some opposition MPs approached me and asked how they could make a change. I told them it has to be done constitutionally."

On his reaction when he found out about the letter, Ku Li said: "People write or draft letters. There's nothing I can do (about it). I have no control over the people's exercise of their freedom."

He said he was old and had never contested elections with the intention of becoming a prime minister.

"Thank you, but I'm old. Although I don't have my wife with me, I'm very happy here."

On the Kelantan Declaration signed last week, Ku Li said it was his right as an Umno member to sign the document.

"Can't I sign? Don't I have that freedom? This is a democratic country, isn't it? Jadi, apa nak stbuk sangat (So what is the fuss all about?)

"I am an Umno member, I can sign it. But that does not change my stand on good governance, transparency and trustworthiness being fought for by Umno.

"So please don't misunderstand. I signed as an Umno member and I'm not in any group other than Umno."