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## Dr M: I quit Petronas earlier, but they refused my resignation

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**PETALING JAYA:** Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad claims that he had put in his resignation from Petronas long before the Cabinet unanimously agreed to remove him as the company's adviser.

"Actually, I had resigned from Petronas quite some time ago," he said in a blog post yesterday.

"But Petronas refused to accept my resignation or the allowance which I sent back," said the former prime minister, adding that they continued to deposit the allowance into his bank account.

"I resigned then because I did not think I should be a non-advising adviser and be paid for doing nothing," he said in a blog post yesterday.

Dr Mahathir was removed as Petronas adviser last Friday.

However, is he still involved with national car manufacturer Proton as well as the Perdana Leadership Foundation.

The Prime Minister's Office had issued a statement saying that this was because Dr Mahathir no longer supported the current Government, and should therefore not hold any position related to it.

This follows the "citizens' declaration" signed by Dr Mahathir and others, including former deputy prime minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, former Kedah menteri besar Datuk Seri Mukhriz Mahathir and DAP adviser Lim Kit Siang, calling for Najib's removal as Prime Minister.

He also proposed a national "referendum" to assess the level of support for Najib as Prime Minister.

Dr Mahathir added that he would stop calling for Najib's resignation or make any other comments on any alleged wrongdoing if he lost the referendum.