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Dr M seeks a million signatures for Declaration

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SHAH ALAM: The Gerakan Selamatkan Malaysia movement will take the Citizen's Declaration to the Conference of Rulers once they gather one million signatures.

Former premier Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said although the Malay rulers have no power under the Federal Constitution to sack the prime minister, they could still play a big role in forcing the resignation of Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak.

"I believe if we can get a million signatories for the declaration, and present it to the rulers how much the rakyat want Najib to be dismissed, they can come up with efforts for his removal.

"If millions sign it, the rulers will have to accept it... I hope they will still listen to the rakyat's plight," he said during the Kongres Rakyat 2016 held at Shah Alam Convention Centre yesterday.

Mahathir said he was confident the declaration would get one million signatories by the end of the year.

The Umno veteran, however, said many feared that signing the declaration might get them into trouble with the government.

"There are already people saying that something will be done to them if they sign. They are very frightened.

"We will have to explain to the people why they should sign. But I think they should be brave enough, including Umno members," he added.

Mahathir said if Najib is forced out, whoever takes over will then be aware of the consequences of abusing their power.

The gathering saw the attendance of prominent government and opposition figures as well as civil society groups.