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Dr Mahathir doing things differently now, says PM

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RALLY: His behaviour in total opposition to what he used to preach, Najib says



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TUN Dr Mahathir Mohamad's participation in the Bersih 5 rally shows that he will do the total opposite of what he used to preach, says Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

Najib said Dr Mahathir had no problems doing things differently from what he did when he was prime minister.

Najib, who is here to attend the

Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) Summit, was asked about Dr Mahathir's presence at the street rally on Saturday, which was not well-received by the public.

He said the people were tired of things that were not beneficial to them or the country.

"If people want to topple the government, this is not a legitimate way. We as citizens must uphold the law. If not, the country will be in chaos and the people will suffer," he said.

He said the government would continue to ensure that all programmes were designed to benefit the people.

Najib also dismissed Dr Mahathir's remarks about the country's economic position as political hearsay, saying his comments were



Prime Minister
**Datuk Seri
Najib Razak**
and Peruvian
President **Pedro
Pablo
Kuczynski** at
the Lima
Convention
Centre
yesterday.
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not backed by facts from rating agencies or international bodies, such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF) or the World Bank.

Dr Mahathir recently claimed that Malaysia's economy and sovereignty had been compromised after Putrajaya sold several key assets, including prime land, to China.

"If we are undergoing an econom-

ic crisis, the rating agencies will lower our rating. The IMF and World Bank will criticise us and discuss measures that the government should take," he added.

He stressed that inaction by the international agencies proved that the country was well managed.

"There is no reason why we should be worried. Our rating is still A."