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# Rahman: Dr M has reached a new low

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**PUTRAJAYA:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak's successful working visit to Germany this week has revealed the adverse sentiment behind Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad's claim that Malaysia is a failing state.

In rebuking the former prime minister's attacks, which included labelling those who defended Najib as "Nazis", Barisan Nasional strategic communications director Datuk Abdul Rahman Dahlan said Dr Mahathir had reached a "new low".

"The success of Najib's working visit to Germany proves Dr Mahathir's claim that Malaysia is failing is false. Perhaps, it is to cover such an embarrassment that Dr Mahathir has reached a new low. Not just by comparing our prime minister and others in the government to Nazis, but by doing so while the prime minister is in Germany.

"Germany has atoned for its past and built a democracy that is an example to many others. It is wrong to run down a country and dredge up its painful history for the sake of selfish political point-scoring," he said yesterday.

Dr Mahathir, in his latest blog

post, drew a comparison between Najib's administration and Nazis, labelling those who defended Najib as "little Joseph Goebbels", referring to the Reich propaganda minister in Nazi Germany.

Rahman said Dr Mahathir had offended and disgusted Germans, whose country was the largest European investor in Malaysia, with a total investment of US\$11.4 billion (RM47 billion).

He said Najib was an honoured guest of Chancellor Angela Merkel, and worked hard to further the nation's economic and security interests, while Dr Mahathir's increasingly unhinged remarks showed that he lacked statesmanship.

"It is embarrassing to see a former prime minister destroying his legacy, and revealing himself to be a bitter and vindictive old man. He is lashing out because his plans to topple a democratically elected government, just to install his son as prime minister, have failed miserably.

"The gutter is no place for prime ministers, past or present. It is sad that Dr Mahathir seems to be so comfortable there."



**Datuk Abdul Rahman Dahlan**