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Tun M slammed for making Nazi comparison

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PETALING JAYA: Two Cabinet ministers yesterday criticised Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad for comparing Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak's supporters in the government to Nazis.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Abdul Rahman Dahlan said Mahathir had "reached a new low" by comparing Najib's defenders to Nazis while the prime minister was in Germany on a three-day official visit.

In a statement, he said the success of Najib's working visit to Germany this week proved wrong Mahathir's claims that Malaysia was failing.

He added Germany was one of the country's largest investors, having pumped in over RM45.24 billion last year.

Abdul Rahman was responding to Mahathir's recent blog post, where he drew comparisons between Nazi Germany's propaganda minister, Joseph Goebbels, and those defending Najib.

Among these defenders was Tan Sri Abdul Gani Patail, whom Mahathir criticised for defending Najib's decision to remove him as Attorney-General (AG).

During the Malaysian Bar's International Law Conference last week, Gani explained that the position of AG did not come with a secure tenure, unlike that of judges, and that the office-holder may be replaced as the prime minister sees fit.

Meanwhile, Communications and Multimedia Minister Datuk Seri Salleh Said Keruak in his blog said it was ironic that Mahathir referred to those who supported Najib as "Little Goebbels" because this was what people used to say about those who worked for him when he was prime minister.

He added that Mahathir was called "Hitler", meaning a megalomaniacal leader who accused his number two - Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim - of sodomy in 1998 as an excuse to get rid of him.