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'Dr M committed ultimate betrayal'

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'SELFISH INTERESTS':
Govt will never let foreign powers intervene in nation's affairs, says minister

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TUN Dr Mahathir Mohamad committed the ultimate betrayal of Malaysia when he requested foreign powers to intervene and topple the government that was elected by Malaysians, said Communications and Multimedia Minister Datuk Seri Dr Salleh Said Keruak.

"And (of) all (this) because of his selfish political interests," he said this in a post on his blog sskeruak.blogspot.my.

He said Malaysia, under the present government, would never allow foreign interference in its internal affairs.

"All their (detractors') attempts have failed, and will continue to fail," he said, in his posting with a headline "Foreign Interference, Deliberate Sabotage and Double Standards".

Salleh said for over a year, a US newspaper had launched attack after attack against Malaysia.

"However, not in a single one of these attacks has the *Wall Street Journal* (WSJ) been able to provide concrete documentary evidence or name the people who are making the allegations it reports. So, how can we believe anything they write?" he said, adding that the government, Barisan Nasional and the prime minister grew stronger with each attack and that must have frustrated WSJ.

He said it was an irony that the campaign came at a time when questions were being raised about the links between business and politics in the WSJ's own country.

"Are we to believe that the Department of Justice's only inves-

tigation relates to Malaysia? How many US individuals and entities are the Department of Justice investigating? Why doesn't WSJ have teams dedicated to reporting on this with the same obsession?"

All of these, he said, betrayed the fact that there were double standards — one set of rules for the West and another for developing countries, such as Malaysia who refused to be subservient.

Salleh also said WSJ had now admitted that 1Malaysia Development Bhd's (1MDB) planned Initial Public Offering (IPO) did not proceed due to negative reporting.

"The truth is that the IPO was deliberately sabotaged. Specific media like WSJ conducted a global campaign, acting as the willing vehicles of politically motivated forces like Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"They knew the sabotaged IPO would lead to financial problems at 1MDB. If the company is left alone to proceed with its rationalisation programme, it will succeed."



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