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# 'Dr M must apologise to my dad'

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has been urged to make a public apology to Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and admit his past misdeeds against the jailed former opposition leader.

Nurul Nuha Anwar, in making the call, said Dr Mahathir must take responsibility for the "trumped-up" sodomy and corruption charges against her father in 1998.

She said a public apology by Dr Mahathir was a prerequisite for his newly-registered Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia (PPBM) to forge ties with PKR, of which Anwar is de facto leader.

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"I think that would alleviate some of the hardships we went through as a family.

"It is not supposed to get easier, but you just need to get stronger," Nurul Nuha was quoted by news portal Malay Mail Online as saying yesterday.

Dr Mahathir, on Sept 5, had met and shook hands with his long-time nemesis, Anwar, on Monday at the Kuala Lumpur High Court, which was hearing Anwar's application to nullify the National Security Council Act.

Both leaders, however, did not confirm or deny whether they were making peace after meeting for the



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first time in 18 years.

"I echo my father's sentiment; forgive but we do not forget," said Nurul Nuha, adding that she and her family would respect any decision Anwar made regarding his relationship with Dr Mahathir.

"As I said, for me, Dr Mahathir coming to court is a clear gesture of admitting his guilt in the conspiracy, and it is a good start.

"However, we will stand behind our father."

Nurul Nuha's statement came amid speculation that Dr Mahathir was attempting to win Anwar's support for his campaign to unseat Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

After the Muslim Welfare Organ-

isation annual general meeting last night, Dr Mahathir was asked if he would apologise to Anwar.

The former prime minister replied: "I don't know."

Dr Mahathir's son, Datuk Seri Mukhriz Mahathir, on Saturday admitted that Parti Pribumi needed Anwar's endorsement if it were to form an official collaboration with PKR.

Dr Mahathir sacked Anwar as deputy prime minister in 1998.

Anwar was also sacked from Umno. He was later charged with corruption and sodomy.

He was sentenced to six years' jail in 1999 on four counts of corruption and was released on Sept 2, 2004.

He is serving a five-year jail term on another sodomy conviction.