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'NOTHING ON DR M'S PAST SCANDALS'

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'Nothing to Hide 2.0' will focus only on 1MDB issue to topple PM, says blogger

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THE proposed "Nothing to Hide 2.0" forum between Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak will not touch on the purported scandals that plagued the premiership of the former during his 22 years in power.

Instead of touching on the Memali murders, the Maminco Sdn Bhd tin disaster, the Bank

Negara Malaysia forex scandal and a multitude of scandals during Dr Mahathir's time as prime minister, it will just touch on the 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB) issue.

According to a posting on the Malaysia Today portal by blogger Raja Petra Kamarudin, the proposed debate would only focus on the 1MDB issue as the other issues would not be able to topple Najib.

"All those scandals (during Dr Mahathir's premiership) may have cost the nation more than RM100

billion, but the 'Nothing to Hide 2.0' debate will not be discussing all those.

"Instead, they want to discuss just one issue, 1MDB.

"They need to discuss just this one issue, not the many other and bigger issues because all those issues cannot bring Najib down, but they hope the 1MDB issue will.

"Only what can bring Najib down matters and all the rest do not," Raja Petra wrote.

In addition to the incidents involving Memali, Maminco and Bank Negara, Raja Petra also listed other scandals that plagued Dr Mahathir's administration, such as the murder of Jilil Ibrahim, who was sent to

Hong Kong to investigate the Bumiputera Malaysia Finance Ltd scandal; the Perwaja Steel scandal; Operasi Lalang; the sacking of the chief justice (lord president) and the various judges whom Dr Mahathir allegedly could not control; the Petronas Twin Tower (sic) that billionaire Tan Sri T. Ananda Krishnan was said to have gotten for free after Petronas was made to buy one tower at double the cost; the Bakun-Dam scam; the Petronas bailout of Bank Bumiputra Malaysia Bhd; the Petronas bailout of Consortium Perkapalan; the Port Klang Free Zone scandal; the buy-back of Malaysia Airlines (MAS) at 117 per cent above market price; and the

Boustead Naval Shipyard scandal.

Raja Petra was commenting on an announcement on Wednesday by Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia (PPBM) Armada (Youth) chief Syed Saddiq Syed Abdul Rahman that a public debate would be held between Dr Mahathir and Najib. Dr Mahathir is PPBM chairman.

"By calling it the 'Nothing to Hide 2.0' debate, they may not be able to attract as many people as they would if they called it the 'Jatuhkan Najib 9.0' (Topple Najib 9.0) debate instead, because in essence that is what it is: a ninth attempt to oust Najib since July 2015," Raja Petra said.

"Najib has more lives than a cat."