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## Najib: Many problems faced by MAS caused by a former PM

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**SEPANG:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak yesterday said the history of national carrier Malaysia Airlines was fraught with “horrendous” decisions made by one of his predecessors.

Najib said the national carrier had gone through “difficult periods”, and many of the problems faced by the airline were caused

by a previous prime minister, whom he did not name.

“We have gone through a difficult period. The history of Malaysia Airlines is fraught with horrendous decisions, and it was a nightmare inflicted on the airline by one of my predecessors,” he said at the Malaysia Aviation Group’s Hari Raya celebration

here, yesterday.

He was believed to be referring to former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who served as premier from 1981 to 2003.

Dr Mahathir is chairman of Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia and a prime mover of the Pakatan Harapan opposition pact.

Najib said he would rectify the

problems in Malaysia Airlines and put it back on track.

“I will put it right and ensure Malaysia Airlines recovers and becomes one of the leading airlines in the future.”

He said Malaysia Airlines was self-confident, following the government’s continuous efforts, determination and sincerity in

reviving the national carrier.

He urged the airline’s employees to remain committed and dedicated, adding that Malaysia Airlines was not just any airline, but the country’s pride and joy.

Present were Transport Minister Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai and Malaysia Aviation Group chairman Tan Sri Md Nor Yusof.