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# 'CORRUPTION TOOK ROOT UNDER DR M'

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Abdullah and Najib inherited problems from Dr M, says Nik Abduh

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**T**UN Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his newly formed Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia (PPBM) yesterday received two major blows from Pas, the party it is desperately wooing.

At Dewan Rakyat, Pas Youth chief Nik Mohamad Abduh

Nik Abdul Aziz (Pas-Pasir Mas) did not spare the rod when he said it was under Dr Mahathir that various ills, such as corruption, took place.

He said former prime minister Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak had inherited problems during their administrations.

Nik Abduh said the country might have prospered during Dr Mahathir's tenure as prime minister, but it was also the time when various ills, such as corruption, took root. He said Dr Mahathir's administration did not stop the problems from spreading. "What happened was widespread wastage of public funds, corruption and money politics, which are ruining the coun-

try now," he said, when debating the motion of thanks on the royal address.

"We now suffer from an old sickness. We should not take measures that are against Allah's command to solve our current hardship," he said.

Dr Mahathir's PPBM suffered another slap when Pas vice-president Idris Ahmad yesterday said nothing had been finalised between his party and PPBM. He said he was "unaware" that Pas was ready to discuss seat allocations with PPBM, refuting claims there was an agreement on the issue. PPBM president Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin had described Pas's invitations to their events as "good progress".

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