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'Dr M lying or can't tell fact from fiction'

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KUALA LUMPUR: The prime minister's press secretary Datuk Seri Tengku Sariffuddin Tengku Ahmad yesterday lashed out at Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad for saying that Malaysia is one of the top 10 most corrupt nations in the world.

Tengku Sariffuddin, describing Dr Mahathir as an "old tiger", said the former prime minister made such claims for his personal political gain.

"In the Transparency International's latest list, Malaysia is the world's 55th least corrupt country.

"It is clear that Dr Mahathir is either lying or can no longer differentiate between fact and fiction.

"If this isn't the case, why then would he say that Malaysia is among the world's 10 most corrupt nations when Malaysia is listed among the top one third of the world's least corrupt countries?"

In the 2016 Corruption Perceptions Index by global graft monitor Transparency International, Malaysia was ranked 55th out of 176 countries, scoring 49 out of 100.

Tengku Sariffuddin also referred to how Dr Mahathir was joining his once sworn enemies, particularly jailed PKR leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and DAP stalwart Lim Kit Siang, adding that he removed political enemies to maintain power.

"Anwar was jailed because the country could not have a homosexual prime minister. Lim Kit Siang was said to be a threat to the Malays and was also jailed.

"The tiger is now old. Now he likes Lim, to the extent that he can accept the de facto opposition leader as deputy prime minister.

"This is so that his son, (Datuk Seri) Mukhriz (Mahathir) can become prime minister.

"Dr Mahathir has partnered Anwar and shaken hands with him. It seems that he can now accept a sodomite as a Malaysian leader."

With Dr Mahathir's many about-turns, said Tengku Sariffuddin, the public could no longer believe whatever the former premier said, questioning whether the "tiger" had become more confused.

Citing a speech made by Sultan of Johor Sultan Ibrahim Sultan Iskandar, Tengku Sariffuddin said the Johor ruler had mentioned a "certain politician" who had forgotten that he once criticised Malays of being *mudah lupa* (easily forgetful), but was now "slightly senile, if not forgetful".

"The reality is that Malaysians can no longer trust any of Dr Mahathir's U-turns.

"His statements are embarrassing, regardless of whether he is lying or 'senile'. It is best that this old tiger retire for good."