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Puad: Dr M a failed, bankrupt leader

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KUALA LUMPUR: An Umno Supreme Council member yesterday took a swipe at Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, labelling the former premier as a "failed and bankrupt" leader.

Datuk Dr Mohd Puad Zarkashi claimed that Dr Mahathir was a hypocrite, which was why the longest-serving prime minister kept criticising Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak's visit to the White House recently.

"Mahathir's hypocrisy stemmed from him not wanting his legacy to be forgotten. He could not accept the fact that there are leaders who are better than him.

"That's why he belittled Najib's visit to the White House where he received VVIP treatment without having to pay any lobbyists."

The former Batu Pahat member of parliament said Dr Mahathir was obsessed with power he once had, adding that the latter's hypocrisy must be revealed

to ensure the "public will not be further lied to".

He added that Dr Mahathir had run out of ideas on how to attack Najib, and that was why he did not want the White House visit to be viewed positively for the Barisan Nasional-led government.

"Najib's diplomacy is more effective and

has brought many benefits to the country. Compared with Mahathir, who always picked fights with international leaders, Najib's diplomacy has made Malaysia a respected global player," he added.



Datuk Dr Mohd Puad Zarkashi