

# No Cabinet reshuffle: Tun M

## > Prime minister happy with ministers' performance

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**PUTRAJAYA:** Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has shot down rumours that he is planning a Cabinet reshuffle soon.

In a special interview ahead of Pakatan Harapan's first anniversary in power following its victory at the May 9 general election last year, Mahathir said he was fairly satisfied with his Cabinet's performance.

"There will be no Cabinet reshuffle, am I clear?" Mahathir told reporters, after he was asked to clarify whether such a move was in the offing.

Speculation of a Cabinet reshuffle has been growing because of the perception that some ministers have not performed to expectations.

When asked to evaluate the Cabinet's performance so far, Mahathir said he would give it a "five out of 10".

"I am very conservative. I have been in government for over 20 years and I know how a government functions but my ministers are still new. They are learning," he added.

On another matter, despite the government being hopeful that Malaysia will

at least be able to recover a total of US\$7 billion (RM28.95 billion) misappropriated from 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB), Mahathir said the hunt for fugitive businessman Low Taek Jho will continue as there are still 1MDB funds yet to be recovered.

"From 1MDB alone, RM42 billion was misappropriated. Who took the money? Where is the money?"

"There is some evidence that Jho Low has taken a lot of money for himself," he said.

However, Mahathir noted that the government is having difficulties in detecting Low as his whereabouts are unknown.

Meanwhile, Mahathir also dismissed Johor Crown Prince Tunku Ismail Ibrahim as a "little boy" who should avoid engaging in matters that "he may not have full knowledge of"

"This TMJ is a little boy. He doesn't know what is happening," he said.

Mahathir said this when asked to comment on Tunku Ismail's claim that many deeds by his father, Sultan Ibrahim Sultan Iskandar, had not been publicised.

"I don't want to comment on the Sultan, because if I say anything, that is not good. It is not nice because he is the Sultan," he added.

Tunku Ismail, popularly known as TMJ, had said the Johor royal family was a victim of character assassination and had been unfairly criticised over the ownership of land related to the Rapid Transit System project.