



Former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad arriving at the Attorney-General's Chambers in Putrajaya yesterday. PIC BY MOHD FADLI HAMZAH

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'Umno leaders concealed many things from public'

PUTRAJAYA: There are many things that are hidden from the public based on the press conference former Umno supreme council member Datuk Seri Tajuddin Abdul Rahman gave on Monday, according to former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Dr Mahathir said this included the revelation of statutory declarations (SD) to support the next prime minister.

He said the change of prime minister was turned into an issue by certain parties to stoke public sentiment.

"It seems that many things that had happened were hidden from the public. There was a concerted effort to appoint a new prime minister, so replacing the prime minister was turned into an issue.

"That's their job ... and it is not to govern the country," he told reporters outside the Attorney-General's Chambers, here, yesterday.

Dr Mahathir was commenting on Tajuddin's call for Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi to resign as Umno president as he was not qualified to lead the party.

Tajuddin, who is also Pasir Salak member of parliament, was sacked from the Umno supreme council last Tuesday.

He also said Umno supreme council decisions were now based Zahid's whims and not on members' views.

Tajuddin also said Zahid had pressured Umno MPs to support PKR president Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim as prime minister. He also said Zahid was unhappy that Umno vice-president Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob was prime minister because he had wanted the position for himself.