

No personal vendetta against Najib, Tun M says

The former PM insists he only speak up against any individuals who cause damage to the country

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FORMER Prime Minister (PM) Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said there is no personal vendetta between him and Datuk Seri Mohd Najib Razak, but he will not stop from speaking up against the latter's wrongdoing in the country.

In a letter penned to Johor voters issued yesterday, Dr Mahathir said he will also continue to speak up against not only Najib, but also anyone who has caused damage in Malaysia.

"There is no personal vendetta between me and him (Najib). I need to remind that at the height of 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB) scandal, his brother Tan Sri Nazir Razak had met me and asked me to do something because



Dr Mahathir (picture) says Najib is looking to return to power to escape punishment, as such his move needs to be stopped

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billions have been lost and there is still no justice on the crimes he committed," Dr Mahathir wrote.

"Nazir has written extensively about the 1MDB scandals and his brother's crimes. It was written out

of shame because his family is guilty," he added.

More has been written by Nazir which elaborated the scandal in detail, Dr Mahathir said.

The 96-year-old statesman fur-

ther said that before the 1MDB scandal broke, he had even supported Najib to become the PM to return the favour of the late Tun Abdul Razak who had helped him with his political career.

"I am ashamed to mention Najib's name repeatedly. He has embarrassed the country, race and religion. Unfortunately, he is not even ashamed of himself and even acted that he has been victimised, even by me."

Dr Mahathir said Najib is looking to return to power to escape punishment, as such his move needs to be stopped.

"If he's back in power, it means this country will be ruled by a kleptocrat in a court cluster to steal and plunder from," he added.

Recently, the High Court has ruled that the US\$8 billion (RM33.52 billion) civil suit against Najib and several others filed by 1MDB will not proceed until the conclusion of his 1MDB -Tanore criminal case.

It is one of the 22 civil suits filed in May last year to claim over US\$23 billion on behalf of 1MDB and its former subsidiary SRC International Sdn Bhd against several individuals allegedly involved in the financial scandal.