

FACEBOOK POST

Dr M, Ramasamy in name-calling exchange

KUALA LUMPUR: The controversy sparked by Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad's statement questioning the loyalty of Indians in Malaysia has led to an exchange between the former prime minister and former DAP leader Dr P. Ramasamy.

Dr Mahathir first called Ramasamy a racist to which the latter responded that he was a more 'intensive racist'.

The exchange was sparked by Dr Mahathir's Facebook post titled "Ramasamy is a racist".

Responding to Ramasamy's claim that Dr Mahathir was the "prime architect" of divisive racial and religious policies which have kept ethnic groups

apart in the country, the nonagenarian said it was Ramasamy who was racist.

"Ramasamy always accuses me of being racist.

"But when he left a multiracial party, he went on to form an Indian party."

Ramasamy then 'thanked' Dr Mahathir for calling him a racist.

Speaking to the *New Straits Times*, Ramasamy said the fact that Dr Mahathir responded to him showed that he had done the right thing.

"Coming from Dr Mahathir, this must be a compliment. It takes a bigger, more intensive racist to call another (as) racist," he said.