

Dr M urges Marina to be cautious of her actions
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KUALA LUMPUR: While he respected his daughter's efforts to speak up on issues, Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad frowned on Datin Paduka Marina's association with groups like Bersih and sexuality rights movements.

He urged Marina to be wary of her actions because they could affect her family, especially those who were actively involved in politics such as her brother Datuk Mukhriz, who is the deputy minister of international trade and industry.

"I do hope she will realise that what she is doing is not good for herself, and not good for the government party at least.

"She should also be sensitive about her brother, who is contesting in the election," he told online television station The Malaysian Observer (MobTV).

In the last two Bersih rallies, Marina had joined protesters in the city capital, calling for electoral reforms.

"She doesn't care about what people think. (But) I care about what people think... if not, I won't get anywhere," said the former prime minister.

"Maybe it's because she has no ambition (in politics), so she speaks her mind.

"I cannot agree with the things she is doing. Nowadays, you cannot tell your children 'please stop this, please stop that' as they have a mind of their own."

Dr Mahathir was worried about his daughter's affiliation with Bersih whose agenda, he believed, had been hijacked by the opposition.

He also cautioned his daughter to set a limit as to how much support should be given to the lesbian, gay, transgender and bisexual (LBGT) community.

"She (has) never said she supports this. I hope she doesn't. She cares for these people... but she has to draw a line between them and the idea that being homosexual is okay, (or that) men marrying men is okay."

Marina declined to comment when contacted.

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