

**Dr M defends Rosmah, says she has every right to be high profile**  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 11 — Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad today defended Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor's high-profile nature, saying she had every right to be as prominent as she wanted to be.

"There is no standard format to fill if you become the wife of the prime minister," he told reporters when asked to comment about Datuk Seri Najib Razak's wife.

"You can be as prominent as you like."

Rosmah is coming out with a biography to be released next month.

Dr Mahathir also offered his backing for Rosmah's move to rebut criticisms about her high-profile status as well as various allegations by writing a biography.

"I think if you keep making allegations against her and she replies you will say well why did you reply is it too high profile?"

"Is she supposed to keep quiet?"

The former PM, who has become a staunch campaigner for the Najib administration, said Rosmah's high-profile position was a result of "all kinds of accusations."

"So she now has to make some corrections," he said.

It was announced yesterday that Rosmah would answer issues and "defamatory" allegations against her in a biography to be released in January, according to publisher Yayasan Amanah Perdana Malaysia (YAPM).

The foundation's officials said one chapter in the 164-page book about the prime minister's wife will be dedicated to rebutting the allegations, without identifying the specific claims.

"The interesting chapter is a frank question-and-answer chapter, and she (Rosmah) will honestly answer all the issues and allegations," her publishing adviser Ahmad Maslan had said.

He also said this was one of the objectives in publishing the biography, which will contain numerous photographs and details of Rosmah's life from her childhood to the present.

"If there are 10 objectives, one would be to answer accusations, to tell the story of who she — who is always being misconstrued — really is.

"It's not to (merely) answer allegations but to paint the true picture of who Rosmah is and what she champions," said Ahmad.

YAPM chairperson Shamsulbahrin Ludin had also said the public must be patient in awaiting the book's arrival.

"Must wait. We wait. What has been prepared will be studied and when it is completed, (it) will be answered," he said.

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