

**Deepak sends open letter to Dr M
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KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 13 - Deepak Jaikishan has mocked Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad's dismissal of his complaints by addressing an open letter to him, the same way the former prime minister did to Tunku Abdul Rahman in 1969.

In the letter, Deepak reprised his complaints against Selangor Wanita Umno chief Datuk Raja Ropiah Abdullah and argued that his various attempts to get institutions and agencies to investigate this and other alleged improprieties had gone unheeded.

Referring to Dr Mahathir's advice to Datuk Seri Najib Razak to ignore Deepak, the carpet dealer added: "I also take heed of your advice to me to seek the courts involvement and not use political channels to claim my rights and remedies.

Najib had said that Deepak's statements are not credible after the controversial businessman launched a barrage of allegations against the government and Raja Ropiah over a land deal that went sour.

Deepak also wrote in the open letter that the courts had been fair to him since he lodged several cases but the judgment had not been enforced.

"What would Tun do in my place? Being of similar paternal ancestral background I am sure what I put forward in this letter would be exactly what Tun would have done in my situation, or already done, under different circumstances, when Tun wrote the 'historic 17th June 1969' open letter to Tunku Abdul Rahman," Deepak said in his letter.

The businessman was referring to Dr Mahathir's letter criticising Tunku Abdul Rahman's government, pushing the then prime minister to sack Dr Mahathir from Umno.

He then repeated his claims against Raja Ropiah and also a land deal involving an international Islamic bank, but said government agencies had failed to carry out court rulings.

"I am sadly disappointed with Tun's press statement asking that I be ignored.

"How can I be ignored when we are defending the same country's dignity and integrity?"

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