

**Former Kedah MB Makes Open Apology To Dr Mahathir**  
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KUALA NERANG, April 25 (Bernama) -- Padang Terap Umno chief Datuk Seri Mahdzir Khalid on Thursday made an open apology to former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad over a crisis between the two leaders in 2006.

The apology was made at a Barisan Nasional (BN) rally held at Dataran Umno Padang Terap here, which was attended by more than 5,000 Umno members and BN supporters.

"I want to apologise Dr Mahathir. Young people sometimes are quick-tempered and go overboard," Mahdzir said when addressing the crowd.

In September 2006, Mahdzir, who was the Kedah menteri besar and state Umno chief then, had asked the elder statesman to withdraw from contesting for one of seven places to be a delegate of the Kubang Pasu Umno division at Umno's general assembly later that year, fearing it would be a divisive move.

However, Dr Mahathir lost in his bid to be elected (as a delegate).

Dr Mahathir, at a media conference later, said he appreciated the gesture from Mahdzir and added that such a crisis was a normal thing in politics.

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