

**Ministers who fail "should just resign", says Dr M of Auditor General's revelations
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While asking for the Auditor General to be armed with punitive powers to prevent future financial discrepancies in the government, Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad (pic) said ministers whose ministries have been singled out for excessive spending by the audit should resign.

"I think we need to give the Auditor General more powers... if the mistakes are not corrected then we should punish or they should resign," the former prime minister said today.

He said there should be a follow-up to determine if the excesses highlighted by the Auditor General are addressed.

"You need to also constantly hold a whip behind them to make sure that they do their work," Dr Mahathir told reporters after a site visit to the Mass Rapid Transit central station at Cheras in Kuala Lumpur.

As for the ministers who have been thrust under the spotlight because of inefficiencies and lack of accountability in their ministries, Dr Mahathir said that "those who cannot do the job should just resign".

"You know in Japan, when a plane crashes at an airfield, the transport minister has to resign.

"(But) in Malaysia, (the minister will say) that's not my business. I hope to see more resignations.

"I resigned because I failed," he said in jest about his 22-year leadership of the country. – October 10, 2013.

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