

Dr Mahathir tells off The Economist for saying son is threat to Najib
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Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has questioned the intention of The Economist for suggesting that his son, Datuk Mukhriz Mahathir, would be a threat to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

The 88-year-old former premier brushed off the report, saying the London-based financial weekly could not think of anything good to say about anybody.

He declined to comment or elaborate on his son's chances at the Umno general assembly.

Kedah Menteri Besar Mukhriz is in the running for one of the three Umno vice-presidents' seats at the party's December polls.

In its latest edition dated yesterday, The Economist suggested that should Mukhriz win, the anti-Najib forces could gather around him as a proxy for his father, Dr Mahathir.

Mukhriz has vehemently dismissed such claims as far-fetched.

He said his decision to run for the vice-presidency was part of Umno's rejuvenation process as mooted by Najib himself. He stressed that he remained loyal to Najib and his deputy, Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin. - September 29, 2013.

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