

PKR: Mahathir was excellent in handling media

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KAJANG: A PKR leader today sang praises of former prime minister, Dr Mahathir Mohamad over the way he had handled matters of national concern.

“Yes, we are all aware that Mahathir caused damage to the democratic institution in this country. He however takes on all questions from the media on anything about the nation.

Unfortunately today we have a silent Prime Minister,” said Chua Jui Meng in reference to Najib Tun Razak over the manner he handled his first press conference on the missing MH370.

Chua who is the Johor PKR chief and party vice-president made this statement during a ceramah session in Taman Sentosa Villa last night.

MAS flight MH370 bound for Beijing from Kuala Lumpur went missing along with its 239 passengers and crew on March 8.

Since then briefing updates to the media was left to acting Transport Minister, Hishammuddin Hussein and a handful of top officials from various agencies.

Najib made his first appearance on March 15, a week later. Even then, the press conference was more of a speech session delivered by Najib. He refused questions from the floor thereafter.

The Kajang by-election will witness PKR president Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail facing off with MCA vice president Chew Mei Fun from BN this Sunday.

The state seat fell vacant following the resignation of incumbent assemblymen Lee Chin Cheh of PKR on Jan 27.

The seat has 39,728 registered voters. At the last general election in May 2013, the seat saw a voter turnout of 87.9% with 541 spoilt votes.

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