

Mubarak Calls On Tun Mahathir To Stop 'Cold War' With Najib
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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 19 (Bernama) -- Malaysian Council of Former Elected Representative (Mubarak) Tuesday urged former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad to stop the open 'cold war' with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

Mubarak president Tan Sri Abdul Aziz Abdul Rahman said Dr Mahathir could give his constructive criticism to Najib if it was done in a manner of a 'family discussion' rather than criticising the prime minister openly.

"Mubarak is disappointed with Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad's open criticism on the leadership of Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

"The implication of this openness will affect the struggle which Tun (Dr Mahathir) himself admitted as being unfinished, especially now that it has confused members of the party and the people as a whole," he said in a statement to Bernama here today.

Dr Mahathir, through his blog www.chedet.cc, said that he was forced to withdraw his support and criticise the government under the leadership of Najib after seeing that Najib's policies and actions were not effective.

Abdul Aziz said Dr Mahathir must give the chance to Najib to continue leading the country as he had shown a good performance following the rapidly growing economy.

He said, Najib introduced the National Transformation Policy which encompassed the Economic Transformation Programme, Government Transformation Programme and Political Transformation Programme as a bold step to enable the country to achieve the status of a fully developed nation by 2020.

"This policy and other new initiatives launched by Najib have started to show positive signs in the burgeoning economic growth and the increasing trust of foreign and local investors.

"This restructuring process is also recognised by international institutions such as the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund," he said.

Furthermore, Abdul Aziz said the international index and rating were going up while the approach of moderation and foreign policy stressing on soft diplomacy under Najib's leadership had borne fruit as proven in the way he tackled the MH370 and MH17 tragedies.

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