

**Dr Mahathir denies hinting at Najib to resign**  
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The former PM explained this to media at the launching of the book "#Wahai Melayu", written by Anas Zubedy, in Petaling Jaya today, Bernama reported.

His denial came in response to a report in a news portal yesterday that quoted him as saying that he will resign if appointed prime minister again.

Dr Mahathir said that he only gave such a comment in the context of his age. "If they make me a PM again I will resign, because my time is up. I am too old," Bernama quoted him as saying.

He said this following the interpretation by some quarters that his "resign" comment was a veiled reference to Najib.

Dr Mahathir then proceeded to send a strong message to Umno members who are attending or going to attend their respective divisions' delegates meetings across the country.

"Leaders need to be criticised sometimes. In Malay, we call this 'menegur'. When somebody does something that you think is wrong, you should have the right to say that the thing is wrong," he said, according to Bernama.

He added that he will be attending the Umno general assembly this November but only as an Umno member.

On the calls to abolish the Sedition Act, the former PM said the problem was not with the Act itself, but its implementation.

"Abolishing the Act is not a solution, but using the act properly is the solution. I don't know, that is up to them, they are the ones who make the charges not me," he was quoted as saying by Bernama.

The national news agency also reported Dr Mahathir as giving a strong rebuke to the Malay community, saying that the Malays today lacked trustworthiness and were not good in financial management.

"We must learn to be honest, if we are honest we will become good," he said as part of his speech at the book launch. – September 11, 2014.

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