

Dr M not alone in speaking the truth, says Muhyiddin
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Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad is not alone in speaking the truth, Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said today, even as the former prime minister continues to court flak from Umno for criticising Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

Speaking at an anti-war forum in Kuala Lumpur, Muhyiddin said Dr Mahathir had always stood up for what he believed in, even if it meant going against the world's superpowers.

"Telling the truth and standing up... This is your trademark since you were a young doctor and Umno member.

"You are not alone in telling the truth," said Muhyiddin in his speech at the forum "Engaging the young to criminalise war and energise peace".

Dr Mahathir was also present at the forum and was seated beside the Umno deputy president.

Although Muhyiddin was referring to Dr Mahathir's stance on war, his statement today also appears to be a reference to the former prime minister's claim that he was alone in demanding answers from Najib.

In his latest blog post, Dr Mahathir wrote, "I know I am alone. But I feel responsible to the people, is that wrong? When the people's money goes missing and is hidden from them, is it wrong for me to ask?"

His post prompted two popular local celebrities, Datuk Siti Nurhaliza Taruddin and Rozita Che Wan, to openly pledge their support for the former prime minister.

Former Umno vice-president Tan Sri Muhammad Muhd Taib also said that Dr Mahathir could always count on the silent majority for support.

Dr Mahathir has gone on a tirade against Najib in recent months, urging the prime minister to step down over the 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) scandal, for continuing the 1Malaysia People's Aid (BR1M), and also the murder of a Mongolian woman, Altantuya Shaariibuu.

Najib gave a special interview on TV3 last week to address the issues raised by Dr Mahathir, but the former prime minister said that there were many questions still left unanswered, including the whereabouts of 1MDB's Cayman Islands funds, which had reportedly been parked in Singapore.

Meanwhile, Muhyiddin, in his speech today, warned of the dangers of terrorism and extremism, and described the two as threats that the world was facing.

Muhyiddin said Putrajaya was already taking steps to address terrorism in Malaysia, including the introduction of the Prevention of Terrorism Act. – April 19, 2015.

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