

Public not confident with new Cabinet, says Dr Mahathir
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Malaysians do not seem to be confident with the new cabinet line-up following a reshuffle by the prime minister, judging from comments on the Internet, Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

The retired statesman said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak might think he now had a good cabinet, but such sentiments did not seem to be shared by people.

"I think the prime minister thinks it's a better cabinet.

"I read blogs, Facebook... I don't see any change. On the blogs, you don't see (the sentiment). People are expressing their opinions on the Internet," Dr Mahathir said today after an event at the Prince Court Medical Centre in Kuala Lumpur.

However, Dr Mahathir said Najib had the right to reshuffle his cabinet as prime minister, including dropping any minister.

"It is the right of the prime minister. He wants to drop (ministers), so he drops (them)," he said.

On July 28, Najib removed five out of 35 ministers from his cabinet, including his former deputy Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin who had been vocal in criticising the way he handled the RM42 billion 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) scandal.

Apart from Muhyiddin, Umno vice-president Datuk Seri Shafie Apdal and Kuala Pilah MP Datuk Seri Hasan Malek were also removed.

Umno's most popular vice-president and Home Minister Datuk Seri Ahmad Zahid Hamidi was appointed new deputy prime minister. – July 31, 2015.

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