

How does Najib know three million Umno members back him, asks Dr Mahathir
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It is doubtful that Datuk Seri Najib Razak has as much support from Umno as he claims, said former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, as the war between these two continue to split the party.

"How does he know three million Umno members support him? If you read on the internet and on Twitter, there are so many people calling for him to resign.

"And these are Umno members who are doing this. I am an Umno member," said Dr Mahathir.

He was responding to Najib's latest claim that the party was fully behind him, even as some Umno grassroots members have rebelled over his removal of Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

Dr Mahathir has become the face of a campaign within Umno to remove Najib as Umno president and prime minister over what he has termed is the latter's mismanagement of the country and the 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) scandal.

He also doubted whether any of the support Najib received from within the party was sincere given that the latter has admitted to using money.

"He has said that he gave money, so why don't people support him?" Dr Mahathir said, adding that Najib has even used government posts to win people over.

"Look at the PAC (Public Accounts Committee). They were so aggressive in wanting to investigate 1MDB, but then the guy was appointed as deputy Cabinet Minister and he has gone silent," said Dr Mahathir, referring to PAC chairman Datuk Nur Jazlan Mohamed who was promoted as Deputy Home Minister.

Nur Jazlan's promotion has been criticised as an attempt to cripple the PAC probe into 1MDB. – August 10, 2015.

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