

Ex-SB man admits being told to persuade Dr Mahathir to stop criticising Najib
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Former Bukit Aman Special Branch deputy director Datuk Abdul Hamid Bador has admitted today that he had held meetings with Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad to get his views on national issues and 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB).

He said the meetings, also meant to persuade the former prime minister from openly attacking Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak, were conducted over the span of three years under the instruction of then Special Branch director Datuk Seri Akhil Bulat.

"I met him (Dr Mahathir) four times over the past three years... to get his opinion on national issues as well as on 1MDB.

"I also met him to advise him not to attack Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak openly which he initially agreed," said Hamid.

He said he respected Dr Mahathir as a leader who has done a lot for the nation and forwarded whatever issues raised by the former prime minister to Putrajaya.

"Tun (Dr Mahathir) talked about certain projects, about BR1M (1Malaysia People's Aid), he said it was wrong so I told my boss about them.

"Tun is not senile yet. He is a very sharp man," said Hamid.

Dr Mahathir has been a vocal critic of 1MDB, even calling on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak to step down over his handling of the firm, of which he is advisory board chairman.

Dr Mahathir last month, however, said he would no longer speak about the company's debts as it was now considered a "crime" to raise questions about the troubled state investment firm.

"I cannot answer any questions about 1MDB now because it a crime to talk about 1MDB," he reportedly said.

The retired leader's comments came days after Najib sacked Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin as deputy prime minister and education minister, in a move seen by critics as a purge of ministers who had openly questioned him over 1MDB. – August 23, 2015.

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