

**Masing calls Dr Mahathir 'hypocrite' for attending Bersih 4**  
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A key Sarawak Barisan Nasional component party leader has hit out at former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad for attending the Bersih 4 rally over the weekend.

Parti Rakyat Sarawak president Tan Sri Dr James Masing called Dr Mahathir a hypocrite, The Star Online reported today.

Masing said Dr Mahathir could not have it both ways by attending the rally while denying his support for Bersih 2.0, the organiser of the rally.

The Sarawak land development minister said the migrant problem in Sabah started during Dr Mahathir's tenure, calling the longest-serving prime minister the culprit.

"The electoral roll, especially in Sabah, needs a lot of cleaning in order to allow for genuine Malaysian citizens to vote for the government of their choice.

"Dr Mahathir is the main culprit who tainted the Sabah electoral roll. Ask him to clean it," Masing was quoted as saying in the report.

On Saturday and Sunday, Dr Mahathir, who is now Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak's biggest critic, caused a stir when he and his wife Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali showed up at the rally, which Putrajaya had declared illegal.

Yesterday, Dr Mahathir told reporters in Kuala Lumpur that he went to Bersih 4 to show solidarity but was not a supporter of Bersih 2.0.

"Nothing of the sort. We are here because all of us, whether Malay, Indian, Chinese, Iban or Kadazan, we cannot accept the leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib (Razak)," Dr Mahathir was quoted as saying to reporters.

He has since been slammed by several Umno leaders and ministers.

Masing said the Bersih 4 organiser in Kuching was "wise" to call off the planned activities yesterday, causing the gathering to wrap up early at noon.

He also accused DAP of trying to "hijack" the civil rights gathering, which was the only Bersih 4 event in the country endorsed by the local authority and police.

There had been contradicting reports on why the event ended abruptly.

Members of the organising committee reportedly gave different reasons like the lack of a public announcement systems or the presence of children, which was not allowed, for the cancellation.

Others said it was due to DAP's impromptu "ceramah" on Saturday night, which lead to the party issuing a statement yesterday which was quickly retracted, The Star Online reported. – August 31, 2015.

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