

I want to be better, not bitter, Azmin says about Dr M
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Datuk Seri Azmin Ali arrives at the Kongres Rakyat 2016 forum in Shah Alam, March 27, 2016. — Picture by Yusof Mat Isa

KUALA LUMPUR, March 27 — PKR deputy president Datuk Seri Azmin Ali expressed today his willingness to put aside his bitter past with former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad in the Save Malaysia movement.

Reminiscing on his arrest during the 1998 Reformasi rallies during which Dr Mahathir was prime minister and home minister, Azmin said he was mistreated but was willing to set aside personal vengeance for the greater good.

“History teaches us. It taught me and my fellow leaders to appreciate the meaning of the people’s struggle.

“I want to be a better person, not a bitter person who will complain about the past — a whole better person that will take positive action for the future,” Azmin said in a speech at the Kongres Rakyat 2016 organised by the Save Malaysia movement.

Parti Amanah Negara (Amanah) president Mohamad Sabu also said there was no need to hold on to grudges, despite his arrest under the Internal Security Act (ISA) during Dr Mahathir’s administration.

“I was arrested twice under ISA during Tun Mahathir’s time. But this is not about avenging the past.

“Should I be hitting out at a cruel retired prime minister when I should be hitting out at the cruel current prime minister?” he said in a speech.

Dr Mahathir, who was on stage, responded with a cheeky smile upon hearing Mohamad’s comments.

The former PAS leader popularly known by his moniker, Mat Sabu, was among the many opposition leaders detained under the ISA during Ops Lalang in 1987.

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