

Why invite Dr Mahathir to high tea, Ku Nan asks Umno branch

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An Umno branch in Selangor will be asked to explain its intention in inviting Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad to a high tea on Saturday, party secretary-general Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor said today.

Tengku Adnan said the Pusat Bandar Taman Cempaka Umno branch, which was part of the Pandan Umno division, could continue with its plan if it didn't violate party ethics.

"I don't know, I don't know why they want to invite Tun Dr Mahathir.

"We will ask their intentions, if it is a good intention and doesn't affect the party (and) follow ethics, they can do (it)," he said in a press conference in Kuala Lumpur today.

However, he said action would be taken against the branch if it went against party ethics.

Pusat Bandar Taman Cempaka Umno branch chief Syed Saifuddin Syed Harman said the decision was made by its committee given the worrying state of political affairs.

It is the first Umno branch in the country to allow members to hear from the former Umno president, who is on a campaign to oust party president Datuk Seri Najib Razak as prime minister.

"No other branch is willing to step forward in this political and leadership crisis. I am taking this initiative to give a statesman like Tun (Dr Mahathir) to explain to the people.

"He is an Umno icon. Like it or not, he is still popular among youth and the grassroots," he was quoted as saying by the Malaysiakini news portal yesterday.

The high tea is being held at the De Palma Hotel on Saturday and is open to the public.
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