

Dr Mahathir has not betrayed Umno, says Hishammuddin
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Criticism by former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad against Datuk Seri Najib Razak did not amount to an act of betrayal of Umno, said party vice-president Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Hussein.

"I have tweeted that sometimes, those who make allegations against the prime minister are constantly moving the goalpost and their allegations change with time.

"But from a party's perspective, it is not (betrayal)," Hishammuddin told reporters when asked about Dr Mahathir's calls for voters in Pekan to reject Najib in the coming elections.

But continuing attacks by the retired statesman against Najib should stop as it could break up the party, he added. Najib is also Umno president.

"This cannot continue and cannot be entertained because it can break us up, more so within the party," said the defence minister.

Dr Mahathir has repeatedly called for Najib's resignation since last year, over certain government policies and the alleged financial mismanagement of his brainchild, 1Malaysia Development Berhad.

Still highly respected among some quarters in Umno, he has even advocated working with Umno's opponents to force Najib's resignation.

Yesterday, Umno secretary-general Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor said the party was "monitoring" seven leaders for possibly disciplinary action. He declined to elaborate who the seven were.

He added that while Dr Mahathir was entitled to his views about Najib, the media should also stop pitting leaders against each other.

Hishammuddin, when asked today if disciplinary action should be taken against the former prime minister, said it was up to Umno. – October 6, 2015.

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