

**Najib asked me what I wanted so I wouldn't talk about 1MDB, Dr Mahathir says**  
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Saying he had never asked Datuk Seri Najib Razak for anything, Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad accused the prime minister of trying to "bribe" him so he would not talk about the 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) scandal.

Dr Mahathir made the allegation in a blog post, saying Najib used to see him to ask what he wanted, and thinking that it was a sincere inquiry, he mentioned some development projects for the country.

"Then, I realised that it was an attempt to bribe me so I won't talk about the 1MDB issue," the former prime minister wrote, using the Malay word "sogok" for bribe.

He said all he wanted from Najib was for the sake of the country and its people.

Dr Mahathir said he still gave Najib his support in the 13th general election in 2013.

"All I asked from him is for the country and the people, but even when they were rejected, I still backed him in the last general election. Even though I said Najib has to quit if his performance in the polls was worse than (Tun) Abdullah (Ahmad Badawi) in the 12th general election, I still supported him as the prime minister," he said.

"I have asked nothing for myself. The government offered me free land in Putrajaya when I resigned, something that former prime ministers got, but I declined. I asked to buy and I paid RM1 million for the land in Putrajaya. The money came from my 29 years of savings. No debt.

"The gifts I received while I was serving, I returned them to the government. All of it can be seen at the Galeria Langkawi and the old prime minister's residence on Jalan Terengganu, off Jalan Damansara."

Dr Mahathir said it was only when the 1MDB debts were exposed that he withdrew his support, and not because Najib did not proceed with the projects he wanted for the country.

"If it was over some bridge, or the double track electric rail from Johor Baru to Padang Besar that was not built, I would have stopped supporting Najib long ago.

"But the loss of government funds was too big. Only because he entertained me does not make it an excuse to shut my eyes on the loss of billions of government funds," he said.

"That is why I keep talking about 1MDB, and what more about a RM2.6 billion donation that was suddenly deposited into Najib's personal accounts.

"Never in Malaysian history that a prime minister has so much money. No matter for what purpose, a prime minister of Malaysia should not have RM2.6 billion," Dr Mahathir said.

Najib had once said that Dr Mahathir wanted the 1Malaysia People's Aid (BR1M) scrapped and the "crooked bridge" linking Johor and Singapore to be revived.

He said the two issues could have been part of the reason the former prime minister was relentless in his criticism. – December 10, 2015.

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