

Umno trying to gag me, says Dr Mahathir
Malaysian Insider
Nov 23, 2015

Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad says today there are efforts to shut him up and prevent him from meeting Umno members as well as the public, as the Malay ruling party gears up for its annual general assembly next month.

The former prime minister said no halls were available for him to speak in, as owners were afraid they would be punished by the government.

"I am not contesting any post. But there are concerted efforts to shut my mouth, to restrict me from meeting Umno members, even the public," said Dr Mahathir in his latest blog post.

It was now "unwritten law" that people could not criticise the government and those who did were punished through "undemocratic" ways, said Dr Mahathir, who has become chief critic of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

"Some find their finances under scrutiny because they supposedly did not pay their income tax. Some are investigated by the police. Some are arrested unlawfully. Some are threatened that they would lose contracts, etc etc," he said.

Dr Mahathir also questioned whether guilt was behind the government's fears that people would discuss 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB) and the RM2.6 billion donation channelled into Najib's bank accounts.

He said Umno was also trying to prevent party delegates at the upcoming assembly from debating the debt-ridden state investment fund and the donation.

Dr Mahathir said the assembly would not be open to the public and not all the delegates' speeches would be broadcast.

"(Tan Sri) Muhyiddin Yassin, as the deputy president, will officiate the assemblies of the wings – Youth, Women and Puteri. A warning has been issued to Umno members not to talk about this.

"What sort of Umno general assembly will this be?"

Muhyiddin, too, has been publicly critical of Najib's handling of 1MDB and the RM2.6 billion donation, and was removed from the Cabinet in July along with Umno vice-president Datuk Seri Shafie Apdal. – November 23, 2015.

Copyright © 2015 Edge Insider Sdn Bhd

Source:

<http://www.themalaysianinsider.com/malaysia/article/umno-trying-to-gag-me-says-dr-mahathir>