

Umno's problems way bigger than Najib-Muhyiddin dispute, says Dr Mahathir
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Some people don't realise the real issues threatening Umno, and instead think that it is limited to the ties between the president Datuk Seri Najib Razak and his deputy Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yasin, Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

Writing on his blog, the former prime minister said that the reality was that it was not merely a friendship dispute, but about the transgressions of the president which could cause the party to lose in the next elections.

"The option here is for the president to explain where the missing money is and return it to Umno or the government, or alternatively, for the president to step down," Dr Mahathir said, referring to the RM2.6 billion donation deposited in Najib's personal bank accounts.

"But he chooses to block investigations on the loss of billions of government money.

"Placing the probe in the hands of those who cannot be trusted by the public will not make the people's suspicions go away," he added.

Dr Mahathir said that Najib's assertion that he would go to great lengths to defend the rights of the Malays and Bumiputera community also cannot be accepted as the prime minister had done away with the New Economic Policy, adding that this had caused many Malay contractors to close shop.

"Furthermore, there are also fewer scholarships for Malay students.

"All these issues upset the Malays, Umno members to the point that they cheered when calls were made for Najib to step down.

"If Najib steps down, it will be well received and only then he can be considered a true gentleman," Dr Mahathir wrote on his blog chedet.cc. – December 16, 2015.

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