

Dr Mahathir still committed to removing Najib from office
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Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has not given up on his campaign to remove Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak from office, reported Malaysiakini today.

The news portal quoted the former prime minister as saying that he had not given up, as he felt removing Najib was important to the country.

"Najib's administration has caused the country's decline in economy, politics, science, technology and knowledge. All areas are declining," he was quoted by the news portal as telling reporters at a press conference at the Perdana Leadership Foundation in Putrajaya today.

Dr. Mahathir was responding to a question on whether he had given up asking for Najib's removal from office.

The former prime minister said Najib was determined to hold on to position and popularity.

He said this was evident in Najib's own admission that RM2.6 billion in political donation was used for Barisan Nasional (BN) to clinch the government in the 2013 general election.

He also denied that his recent blog writings in praise of Najib's father Tun Abdul Razak Hussein as the man he owed his political career to reflected a similar fondness for Najib.

He said his writings in commemoration of the second prime minister's 40th death anniversary was due to Razak being a mentor and not connected to the latter's son.

Last week, Dr Mahathir had sanctioned Najib's move to recalibrate Budget 2016 in light of the falling crude oil prices and the weakening ringgit.

He said although the budget was tabled only in October last year, the economic situation had changed considerably, thus the need to make the changes.

"The situation has changed considerably. I think, whether we like or not, changes should be made," he said after witnessing the appointment of new Proton dealers in Petaling Jaya. – January 20, 2016.

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