

'Mahathir' trending as top search on Google Malaysia
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"Mahathir" is trending again as the most highly "searched" term on Google Malaysia, after Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad announced that he was quitting Umno yesterday.

According to Google Inc's public web facility, Google Trends, web search on Google Malaysia for the term "Mahathir" started to peak at 8pm yesterday and continued to trend until 6pm this evening.

The term has also previously dominated searches on google.com.my five times in the past 10 years, particularly in April last year when the former prime minister listed statements and demands on his blog, chedet.cc, asking Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak to come clean on several issues including 1Malaysia Development Berhad.

The search term was also a highlight in 2013, when his son, Datuk Seri Muhkriz Mahathir won his first seat as Kedah menteri besar after the 13th general election and in June 2006, Dr Mahathir became critical of his successor, Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

He was unhappy when numerous development projects that were initially spearheaded by him were later dropped by Abdullah.

The start of his personal blog in May 2008 also garnered high interest as well as in April 2005, when the country's longest serving prime minister had a friendly meeting with the late Lee Kuan Yew, former Singaporean prime minister.

In comparison, current prime minister is recorded as Google Trend's third most searched person last year after Paul Walker and Lee Kuan Yew in the top spot.

In comparison with Dr. Mahathir, searches on "Najib" started becoming more popular when the latter came into power in 2009. – March 1, 2016.

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