

Ex-Selangor MB says not interested in Dr Mahathir, Umno politics
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Former Selangor menteri besar Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim has distanced himself from Umno politics, including Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad's plan to form a core group aimed at removing Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

He said he would prefer to focus on the people's welfare, needs and development.

"He (Dr Mahathir) is someone who is used to politics... Whatever the decision, he is the one who makes the decision.

"(As such) I think I will not get involved in anything that he does," he told reporters when asked to comment on the latest development in Umno, which saw Dr Mahathir quitting the Malay party for the second time yesterday.

The Bandar Tun Razak MP said it was up to Dr Mahathir to choose who he wanted to work with including the opposition, after the revelation that the former prime minister would set up a core group as part of his effort to oust Najib.

"I hope in the near future we will reduce all these politicking and focus (our) efforts on people's welfare and development," he said when met in Putrajaya today.

Dr Mahathir, who quit Umno yesterday in protest against Najib, said he had no plans to set up a new political party but would look at starting such group.

He first resigned from Umno in May 2008, over unhappiness with Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi the then prime minister who had led Barisan Nasional to dismal results in the general election that year.

Yesterday he also said Umno was no longer what it used to be. – March 1, 2016.

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