

## **Nazri denies he backed out from debate with Dr M**

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### **Outspoken minister calls PPBM Youth chief Syed Saddiq 'stupid fellow' for alleging this.**

KUALA LUMPUR: Umno supreme council member Nazri Aziz today denied he backed out from a debate with former prime minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

He said PPBM Youth chief Syed Saddiq Abdul Rahman was "a stupid fellow" for accusing him of backing out on his much-publicised debate with Mahathir.

"I never backed out," he said at the Iftar@KL 2017 event held at Dataran Merdeka here today.

Nazri said he was actually eagerly awaiting the debate as he had several questions he wanted Mahathir to answer regarding his alleged wealth accumulated during his time in office as prime minister.

"Had the debate gone on, I would have asked him how much he collected over the five elections he was Barisan Nasional's chairman.

"Prime Minister Najib Razak put RM2.6 billion in his accounts, so we know.

"About the money Mahathir collected, where did he collect it from? Najib got it from a Saudi prince; so we know.

"Also, of the money Mahathir collected, how much did he spend? We know from Najib's accounts that he spent RM600 million.

"Najib put back RM2 billion into his account so we know the balance of the money he collected.

"What about Mahathir? I don't know because he never returned any money."

When asked to give his thoughts on why the debate was not allowed to go on, Nazri said this question should be directed at the police.

"Go and ask the police why they didn't give the permit (for the debate).

"Mahathir had a rally in my constituency on the same day (the debate was to go on) and attacked the prime minister. That was allowed but they (police) wouldn't allow this debate."

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