

Mahdzir doubts Mahathir's denial that he met US officials over 1MDB
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Umno supreme council member says two senior aides, Matthias Chang and Khairuddin Abu Hassan, had talked of a trip to the US regarding 1MDB.

KUALA NERANG: The statement by former prime minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad denying he had ever met US officials over 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) is most doubtful, says Umno supreme council member Mahdzir Khalid.

He said this was because Mahathir's two senior aides, Matthias Chang and Khairuddin Abu Hassan, had talked of a trip to the US in relation to 1MDB.

Chang was a political secretary to Mahathir while Khairuddin is the former Batu Kawan Umno vice-chief.

"Although Tun M (Dr Mahathir) denies any knowledge, the fact that his senior aides had been there indicates that he also knows of the matter.

"There are certain groups trying to undermine the credibility of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak and Umno, especially with the next general election close at hand."

He was speaking to reporters after the handing over of Aidilfitri goodies by Padang Terap Umno division deputy chief Ghazali Ibrahim here today.

Mahdzir was commenting on Mahathir's statement reported by a news portal that he had never met any US official on the matter.

This came in the wake of the announced move by the US Department of Justice (DoJ) to seize US\$540 million (RM2.3 billion) of assets allegedly belonging to 1MDB.

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