

Important to remember the past, Salleh tells Mahathir
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Minister responds to former PM's advice to forget the past so the country can have a better future.

KUALA LUMPUR: The past must never be forgotten, especially in politics as there are many mistakes that must be rectified, says Communications and Multimedia Minister Salleh Said Keruak.

The “murky” past, he argued, was a valuable guide to help the people make wiser decisions in the future.

“If we do not remember the past, how do we map out a better future?”

“The BMF (Bumiputra Malaysia Finance) case, Memali, Operasi Lalang, Forex, MAS privatisation, 1997 financial crisis, Anwar Ibrahim’s sodomy trial, the dismissal of the Chief Justice, can we just forget about them?” Salleh said in a blog post today.

He was responding to a statement by former prime minister and PPBM chairman Dr Mahathir Mohamad to forget about the past in order to create a better political future for the country.

Salleh said history was a lifelong teacher and forgetting history was akin to dumping the country’s most valuable asset as it was an important reference for future generations.

“If we do not learn from history, then we will not move forward because we are doomed to repeat it,” he added.

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