

**Zahid to Mahathir: Watch what you say about Najib**  
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**Deputy Prime Minister says Dr Mahathir too made mistakes in the past.**

BAGAN DATUK: Former prime minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad has been told to watch what he says about Najib Razak's leadership, which he often disparages, Deputy Prime Minister Ahmad Zahid Hamidi warned.

The Umno vice-president said Mahathir should be polite when politicking.

Zahid said as a human being, Mahathir too had weaknesses and made mistakes in his 22 years as prime minister but it was never revealed out of respect for him.

"When our time has passed, let it pass, let history judge us, don't condemn others as in the case of the failure of the privatisation move. We do not want to reveal the 'sores' and we know of his weaknesses."

Zahid said this in his speech when opening the Bagan Datuk Umno division delegates meeting, here, today.

He said Mahathir had gone overboard in his criticisms of Umno and the government to the point Prime Minister Najib Razak had run out of patience.

"His (Mahathir's) time is past, be quiet. Sit down and recite religious verses (to Allah). He unveils the flaws of the present leaders, don't forget we also used to cover his flaws. Don't let it come to a point we reveal his 'scabs'. There is so much that we can reveal.

"He (Mahathir) was strong (during his tenure) because Umno members strongly supported him," he added.

Zahid also touched on Mahathir's U-turn of supporting Anwar Ibrahim despite the fact that it was Mahathir who ousted Anwar from the political arena.

"Now only he wants to do a 'kona baring' (a very sharp cornering manoeuvre). In the past, he accused Anwar of a lot of things, but now says Anwar was wronged due to differing political opinions and not wanted in the political arena.

Zahid also urged that future leaders not resort to the proverbial "habis madu sepah dibuang" (to leave one after making use of them).

“Young leaders must respect the old leaders and old leaders must love the young leaders while the misdeed of ‘habis madu sepah dibuang’ must be avoided for the party’s continuity,” he said.

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