

Dr M: The horses I ride eat 'cheap' carrots, not quinoa
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Former prime minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad has claimed that the horses he rides consume carrots and not the South American-produced quinoa.

The Pakatan Harapan chairperson also denied that he has bought horses.

Mahathir was responding to Najib, who criticised opposition leaders for politicising his quinoa diet.

“Even my quinoa diet can become an issue. I also eat nasi lemak, nasi kunyit but quinoa becomes an issue.

“But Mahathir did not think about his horses, which are costly. One month’s supply of horse feed can buy me quinoa for three years,” the prime minister said yesterday.

Speaking at a press conference in Petaling Jaya this afternoon, Mahathir said he had never purchased horses, including in Argentina.

“My friends have horses. I ride other people's horses. I have never bought horses. I am fortunate because others loan me their horses.

“After riding, I feed the horses. Not quinoa, quinoa is expensive. Not rice. We give them carrots. Carrots are cheap,” he added.

Mahathir said he used to travel to Argentina once a year but has not done so in the past two years because he is preoccupied with political matters.

“I have been busy for the past two years to topple Najib's government,” he added.

Opposition leaders had taken Najib to task, accusing the prime minister of not being in touch with the plight of the people when he revealed that he was now consuming quinoa instead of rice.

DAP stalwart Lim Kit Siang said this is because a 250g pack of organic quinoa at Tesco costs RM14.80, which in other words, meant that the quinoa which the prime minister consumes is about 23 times more expensive than rice, eaten by 30 million Malaysians.

Meanwhile, Mahathir, in a Twitter posting, took a sarcastic swipe at Najib saying that he only consumes locally-produced rice.

Following this, the Prime Minister's Office clarified that Najib does not rely exclusively on quinoa for his daily nutrition.

It said that quinoa was part of the prime minister's dietary regime because it was recommended by doctors.

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