

Kuok never funded BN during my time, claims Dr M
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In his memoir published last year, billionaire Robert Kuok revealed that he was often asked to make substantial contributions to Umno and MCA after independence in 1957.

However, Dr Mahathir Mohamad claimed that the business magnate did not fund BN parties during his 22 years as prime minister.

"There was none," he said when pressed for a response on this during a press conference in Petaling Jaya this afternoon.

"There were people who donated some money and that was enough," he added.

According to Mahathir, BN, during his time, did not require substantial funds compared to now, under the leadership of Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak.

"...so Robert Kuok did not need to give us anything," he said.

As for the allegation that the Hong Kong-based billionaire is funding DAP to topple the current government, Mahathir described this as slander.

"The DAP told me they did not get anything. Not a single sen from Robert Kuok.

"This is slander against Robert Kuok. He is the richest man from Malaysia and we know his stand that he loves the country," Mahathir said.

He added that he recalled staying at Kuok's hotel in Beijing where he was treated by the tycoon, who brought along a chef from Malaysia to cook for him during the trip.

Kuok had in a statement from his office denied the allegation that he is funding opposition parties or news portal *The Malaysian Insight* in efforts to overthrow the BN government.

The recent attacks against Kuok came after blogger Raja Petra Kamaruddin had last week accused the Hong Kong-based billionaire of channelling funds to the DAP through his nephew, James Kuok, who has also denied the allegation.