

They Say

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I feel that he can still stay on. I want him to still stay on because of the good job he is doing. He has contributed immensely to the country and all that we have is because of him. If I had a chance to see him face to face, I would beg him to stay on.

Teh Lian Peng, 55, coffee shop owner, Ipoh

Dr Mahathir, thank you for making Malaysia what it is today. I am proud of my country because of what you have done.

Jenrus Mujim, 28, self-employed, Keningau



Can someone please tell me how I can persuade Dr Mahathir not to retire but to continue spearheading the country? I will gladly do anything and at any cost to make him change his mind.

Abdul Khalid Ujang, 42, an activist, Seremban



Dr Mahathir has modernised Malaysia and the country can stand on its feet because of him, so it will be a bittersweet moment when he retires. However, he is still around and many of us can still seek advice from him on nation building and global matters.

Didar Singh, 45, Perlis Khalsa textile outlet owner



I grew up with Dr Mahathir as the Prime Minister. I think all future Prime Ministers will be compared to him but it will be tough for them to be equal with him. He has done so much for Malaysia.

Mahrani Jakaria, 21, hotel receptionist, Sandakan



Dr Mahathir should stay on as a Senior Minister just like Singapore's Lee Kuan Yew even after his retirement. His services, ideas and recipes are still very much needed to spur the country's continuous growth. Please, don't go.

Md Zan Rousman, 40, cook, Seremban

Dr Mahathir is like a lighthouse that has guided us safely through the calm and rough seas. Many times people had questioned his unconventional ideas but with time, they have proven to be correct.

Chief Inspector Wan Zainal Wan Mat, Pandamaran police station head, Klang.

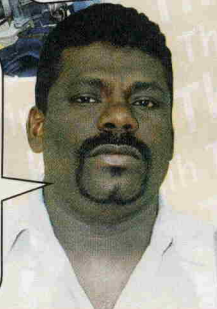


We shouldn't only appreciate him when he is gone. We have a lot to be thankful for, as his leadership has brought about great progress and job opportunities.

Zaharin Ahmad, 41, freight forwarding agent, Penang

It is sad that the Prime Minister is resigning. He should stay and become our country's adviser or in whatever position as long as he is still with the country's administration. I wish that he did not leave us because we still need him.

R. Rajan, 39, businessman, Kuantan



I still could not believe that Dr Mahathir would retire after leading our country for so many years. Deep in my heart, I still hope that he will not retire but whatever happens, I will always remember him for what he has done for our country.

R. Pubalan, 23, university graduate, Alor Star



He has a lot more to give but I believe when he feels that it is enough we have to accept it because I believe he has achieved what he set out to do.

Kamaruzaman Yaakob, 40, clerk, Kota Baru



I wish he could continue, but he understands the need for new blood. He has been a great inspiration to us all with his great contribution to the development of the country's economy. He dares to be different and stands out amongst leaders.

Chan Yean Wah, 33, Geographer cafe manager, Malacca



The Malaysian-Thai community has come to regard him as the father of modern Malaysia. He should continue to serve if his health permits but ultimately he has to decide what is best for him.

Bunpa Pian, 21, Putra Palace Hotel employee, Perlis

Dr Mahathir has served our country for 22 years and it is time to return him to his wife. During his tenure, he has helped contribute a lot to the development of Chinese people in Malaysia. I am very satisfied with what he has done.

Sia Sik Ho, 75, retiree, Kuala Lumpur



It's a pity that a great leader like Dr Mahathir would be retiring, but I guess this would give the younger generation a chance to lead the country.

Rachel Hong, 32, housewife, Pontian, Johor

