

Support for Dr M causes rift in Promuda

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KUALA LUMPUR: A group of young Malay professionals last night distanced themselves from a statement from their chairman supporting Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad's criticism of the Government.

Young Professional Chamber of Malaysia (Promuda) chairman Don Rahim told an English daily on Wednesday: "We in Promuda feel that most of the issues raised by Dr Mahathir were valid. For us young people will always use Dr Mahathir's dynamic and progressive leadership as a benchmark for all future leaders. A deliberate effort to deny Dr Mahathir his right to express himself is a mark of disrespect."

Exco member Tengku Zafrul Aziz said that Don's views were his alone.

"It is his personal view and not that of Promuda," he said, adding that exco members only realised Promuda's "stand" on Dr Mahathir's view when they read the papers this morning.

"Although Don has a right to his views, it is not proper that he makes sweeping statements in the name of Promuda," he said.