

> TUN MAHATHIR

Give PM space to do things his way

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THE spat between Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Badawi has reached the point of no return. Malaysians find it difficult to believe that Dr Mahathir could attack the man he appointed as his successor.

In any race, once you pass the baton it is up to the next runner to reach the finishing line as best he can. You can only cheer him on and hope for the best.

Maybe Dr Mahathir thought that "Mr Nice Guy" would just listen to him and do his bidding. It is obvious that Pak Lah has his own ways of doing things.

It is understandable that it is not easy for a man who dominated the national stage for 22 years to take a backseat.

So when he delivered his first salvo, we felt sorry for him. Later, we felt disappointed and sad that a man whom we love and respect would go that far with his remarks.

Enough is enough. We respect and appreciate what Dr Mahathir has done for the country but now the least he can do is to respect the august office that he himself held with distinction.