

Not a 'meeting of reconciliation'

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KUALA LUMPUR: The meeting between former premier Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi on Sunday was not a "meeting of reconciliation", Mahathir's second son Mokhzani said yesterday.

"It was not a make-up or rec-

onciliation (meeting). It was a meeting to put forward issues which are of overt concern to Tun (Mahathir). It was not a reconciliation but an opportunity to voice his concerns directly," Mokhzani told reporters at Mahathir's Hari Raya open house at his residence at the Mines Resort City, Seri Kembangan.

Mokhzani said the meeting would only result in reconcilia-

tion if there was response from the prime minister or the government.

"The meeting itself is the starting point," he said.

Mokhzani stressed that the meeting was for his father to put forward all his views with the hope that he would get a reply from the prime minister himself.

Asked if Abdullah had taken steps to reconcile with Mahathir,

Mokhzani said "(the meeting) was not about the opportunity for reconciliation. It was about the right action to respond to the points that were raised".

On Mahathir's description of the meeting to family members, Mokhzani said: "He said he was quite satisfied. (He said) he put his points across and would wait for the response."

Mokhzani said the family did not discuss the meeting before Sunday.

"No discussion ... no outlining of the points. These were all in Tun's little note book," he said.

Asked about Mahathir's vow at two press conferences to continue criticising the government despite the meeting, he said: "The issues which upset him will still upset him until the time when there's a response to them."

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