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ALOR STAR, Wed. —
Dr. Mahathir bin Mohammed, who recently rejoined Umno, has been proposed as a candidate for the post of vice-president of the party.

The Telok Bagan branch of the party unanimously adopted a resolution proposing Dr. Mahathir as a candidate for the vice-presidency.

The resolution will be submitted to the Umno Kedah Utara (North Kedah) division.

It is expected that other Umno branches in Kedah will follow suit.

Kedah leader?

Umno sources here said that the feeling is widespread among the Umno rank and file that Dr. Mahathir should take an active role in Kedah politics.

Umno branches here are expected to nominate Dr. Mahathir to assume a "very important post" in the Kedah Umno.

"Perhaps even to lead the Kedah Umno," sources said.

The present leader of the Kedah Umno is Dato Syed Ahmad Shahabuddin, the Mentri Besar.

There are five vice-presidents of the Umno. They are Inche Gnafar Baba, Tan Sri Syed Nasir bin Ismail, Tan Sri Sardon Jubir, Dato Harun bin Idris, and Tan Sri Fatimah binte Hashim.