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Alliance MP for Kota Star Selatan, Dr. Mahathir Mohamed, who recently rejoined Umno, said today that although he is very keen to play his part in Kedah Umno, he did not think he should take a leading role.

"I would like to be free to attend to problems which are more national in character," he said today.

Dr. Mahathir was commenting on reports that Umno branches in Kedah were expected to nominate him to "a very important post or even to lead Kedah Umno."

The Telok Bagan Umno branch recently unanimously adopted a resolution to propose Dr. Mahathir as a candidate for the vice-presidency.

Dr. Mahathir thanked the branch for its confidence in him.