

# Plea for Harun submitted

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**KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. — Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today confirmed he had submitted the appeal for a royal pardon for former Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Haji Harun Idris.**

He said he submitted the appeal to the Yang di-Pertuan Agong when he was acting Prime Minister. Datuk Hussein Onn was then in London having heart surgery.

Speaking to reporters after opening the Damansara Umno division delegates' conference, he said he had not been informed of the

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latest development regarding the appeal.

Former Prime Minister Tunku Abdul Rahman was quoted earlier this week in a newspaper as saying the Pardons Board had already made a decision.

Asked whether he had already received the nomination papers for the post of Umno president, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said he had not.

On the possibility of taking the initiative to arrange a compromise between the two strong contenders for the party's No 2 post, he said there was very little time for him to make the arrangements.

"It is only a few weeks more to the general assembly," he said.

Questioned on the possibility of the loser in the race for the deputy president post resigning from the Cabinet, he said it was up to the candidates.

Earlier, addressing the Umno delegates, he said the party's general assembly next month would attract international attention.

He said the assembly would choose the party's leaders who would also determine the country's future course.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir urged Umno members to take part in the Amanah Saham Nasional scheme and to encourage their relatives and friends to invest

in the shares.

He said about 440,000 bumiputras had already invested some \$120 million.

He advised the bumiputras to purchase the shares before July so they could enjoy the dividend to be declared for this year.

Damansara Umno leader Senator Abdul Razak Abu Samah hoped Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir would use his good office to choose an Umno candidate for Damansara for the next general elections.