

# The key to our political stability

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**KEPALA BATAS, Sat.** — Malaysia is politically stable because her policies do not change radically, **Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad** said today.

"This stability therefore allows both the Government and the people to plan for their future. And there is always the confidence and trust that such plans can be fulfilled due to this very stability," the Prime Minister added.

Speaking at the opening of the Kepala Batas Umno division delegates' conference at Sekolah Rendah U gama here he said "Foreigners are simply amazed at the prevailing political stability in the country."

## 'Bad blood'

Foreign investors are willing to invest in Malaysia not only due to

the political stability but also because we can continue to be so.

This stability, he said, was due to the Government of Barisan Nasional.

In the Barisan, Umno is the backbone. Umno gives strength to the Barisan because Umno is a strong and stable party whose membership exercises discipline and orderliness.

**Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir** who is the Umno president, said he was immensely happy with the keen interest shown by Umno members in party affairs. Without such interest, Umno would be weak and a weak Umno would mean a weak Barisan, which, in turn, would result in a weak government.

**Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir** told Umno

members that there is no place in the party for those who, after losing posts contested, withdrew their support for the new leadership or tried to create trouble or, worse still, left the party to join another.

He said whatever the result of Umno contests at all levels, members must close ranks after the battle. There should be no recriminations or bad blood.

The Umno president, noting the smooth progress of Umno meetings, said Umno was now producing not merely politicians but statesmen.

Men like **Datuk Senu Abdul Rahman**, who were willing to give up their posts to younger men in the interests of the nation and the party, men who knew when they should hold power and when they should give way.