

Anyone chosen can take over from me: Mahathir

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Prime Minister and Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today he is willing to accept anyone chosen to lead Umno when he retires.

He said the prospect of him retiring was looming nearer as he was now reaching 60 years of age after acquiring a lot of experience in leading the party, and Government.

He made the re-

marks when opening the Kubang Pasu Umno division delegates' meeting in Jenan near here.

He said that although he was now not

have undergone in leading the party and Government," he explained.

Dr Mahathir also stressed the need for a

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as dynamic and critical in his speech and actions as when he was younger, this did not mean he had abandoned the principles of the party's struggle.

"I have only changed my attitude after the experience I

large-scale campaign to enhance public consciousness of the dangers of dadah abuse.

He said the problem had grown rapidly and some 200,000 people, mostly Malays, were

now involved in dadah abuse.

The Government took a serious view of the matter, he said.

He advised the people to never get involved in dadah in any way whatsoever as those found guilty would be severely punished.

One of the reasons for the deterioration of dadah abuse was the declining relationship between the abuser and his family, and this was a matter that should be given attention.