

# PM hits out at 'opportunistic' Umno members

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. — Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today expressed his disapproval of the "opportunistic" attitude among Umno members, who would spend "any amount" just to gain a post in the party.

He said these people would stop at nothing to obtain a post at any level in the party because they felt that they could "make material gains" by holding positions in Umno.

He made known his displeasure at a meeting with Umno division leaders. Among them were information of-

ficers from the Community Development Department (Kemas) and the National Unity Bureau.

Umno secretary-general Datuk Seri Sanusi Junid, briefing newsmen on the meeting, said Dr Mahathir also touched on the circulation of numerous anonymous letters.

## Logical

The Prime Minister said the letters, which were out to discredit the leadership and to create clashes between leaders, rightly belonged to the wastepaper basket. Umno members should ignore them.

On the proposed new party believed to be formed by civil servants

and professionals, Parti Nasionalis Malaysia, Datuk Seri Sanusi said Umno had no opinion on this matter.

"Anyone can form a party and it is only logical that new parties are being formed because the general election is coming," he said.

"This is the right time to form any party."

He added that civil servants could not be politicians nor could they be active members of political parties.

On the wage claims by the civil servants, he said Dr Mahathir told the gathering the Government could not afford to meet the demands because of the present economic situation.