

# Mak's future: PM to weigh all factors first

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**KUALA LUMPUR,**  
Thurs. — The Prime Minister said tonight that he will have to weigh all factors before deciding on the future of Datuk Mak Hon Kam in the Cabinet.

Speaking to newsmen on his return from China, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said that when Encik Hassan Adli lost his post in Pas, he remained in the Cabinet for quite sometime.

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cuss with my friends as well as the new leaders in the MCA to find out their feelings," he said when asked about Datuk Mak's future as Labour Minister.

## Outcome

But Dr Mahathir quipped: "Then again if I'm not in Umno, I won't be the Prime Minister."

On the general elections, Dr Mahathir remained non-committal on the date but instead decided to engage the Press in light banter.

Asked whether he would make a decision on the date of the general elections soon, now that there appeared to be stability in the MCA following the election of new leaders, Dr Mahathir agreed it would be easier.

"I have to weigh everything, including the stability. As to the date, it would be between now and April 1987."

Asked whether there would be a snap election, Dr Mahathir said it was not possible to have one in Malaysia.

Whether this meant that he was ruling out a snap election, the Prime Minister said he was not ruling out anything.

Meanwhile, Deputy Finance Minister Datuk Dr Tan Tiong Hong, who accompanied the Prime Minister on his trip said the results of the MCA elections were expected.

He said he had predicted the outcome of the elections even before he left for China.

Datuk Dr Tan also said he would be meeting Datuk Mak tomorrow to discuss party matters.

But he refused to comment when asked whether the Mak faction was forming a new party.