

## PM: A strong case needed

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. — The Government will arrest PAS vice-president Ustaz Abdul Haji Awang in connection with the Kampung Memali incident only if it has a strong case, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

The Prime Minister said it was easy to arrest Ustaz Hadi but it would be useless as he could easily get away if his lawyers were good.

Dr Mahathir, who is also Umno president, was speaking to reporters after chairing the Umno Supreme Council meeting last night.

He said several Umno members had urged the Government to arrest Ustaz Hadi because his *amanat* was said to be the main cause of the Memali incident.

On the general election, Dr Mahathir maintained that it would be held anytime. Asked about the date, he said: "That is the \$64,000 question. We will keep you guessing for the next three years."

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