

Dr M: Umno practises rule by consensus

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. — Umno is a moderate party that works to resolve its problems through consensus, its president, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, said.

Dr Mahathir stressed that Umno members were not arrogantly seeking power but in fact possessed moderate qualities and were always willing to discuss any problem.

In a special interview with *Merdeka*, the Umno newsletter, he said the party always took into consideration the confidence and interest of the Malay struggle in its relation-

ship with Barisan Nasional component parties.

In this respect, Umno is not ignoring the rights of other parties, he told *Merdeka* in Ipoh during his State visit to Perak recently.

Nationwide tour

Umno is capable of having a meaningful co-operation with other parties in the Barisan.

"This is mutual with the other parties in the Barisan. They can work with us because they know that Umno's objective is clear and sincere.

"Normally, after making a decision, Umno abides by this decision. That is why Umno can last as an effective political party."

Reviewing the impact of his nationwide tour, Dr Mahathir said Umno members were now ready to face anything, including a general election.

He said the interest of Umno members to continue the party struggle is still strong as is the unity in Umno.

"Their view of a particular problem is rational, not hasty and not too emotional," he said.