

# 'Baru' was added to avoid confusion, says Dr M

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KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. — The use of the word 'Baru' after the name 'Pertubuhan Kebangsaan Melayu Bersatu' was only to ensure that the official dealings of the party are not confused with those of the deregistered Umno, which still had property and correspondence which needed to be taken over by the Official Assignee.

Party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said this when addressing the first general assembly of Umno Baru at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) today.

"In fact, when the original Umno had its registration cancelled, the organisation which replaced it could have used the original name without adding other words.

## Struggle

"However, such an act would make things difficult for the Registrar of Societies and the Official Assignee when they were managing the property and affairs of the de-registered Umno.

"Apart from this, the organisation registered on Feb 13 this year was the deregistered Umno with all the policies, spirit, membership and struggle determined in 1946.

"The cancellation of Umno by the court and the Registrar of Societies was purely a technical matter to meet legal requirements.

"Although the deregistered Umno did not exist for some days from the legal point of view, Umno has continued to exist in its struggle and spirit."