

# PM: Detainees not forced to write letters supporting me

PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad denied claims that International Security Act detainees at the Kamunting detention camp had been forced to write letters supporting him after Umno was declared unlawful by the High Court.

He said that a prison officer merely conveyed two letters expressing support and signed by 24 detainees to the prison authorities.

"To our knowledge, the

letters of support were the making of the detainees themselves," he added in a written reply to Mr Teoh Teik Huat (DAP—Bagan).

Dr Mahathir said that the letter of support dated Feb 13 was signed by Mohamed Farid Philip Abdullah, Mohamed Sabri Mahir Abdullah, Mohamed Arif Mansor, Omar Khalid, Mohamed Razmi Riman Abdullah, Razali Bolhi and Syed Jaafar Al-Sagoff.

The letter dated Feb 16

was signed by Lim Koh Tin, Ibrahim Mamat, Lee Yin Gin, Ng Tien Tong, Tong Saw Tin, Gan See Chow, Than Ken Tee, Shanmugathan, Eng Kin Hock, Yong Pow Choon, Liew Teik Sun, Chia Chew Choong, Chong Kow, Lee Meng, Tee Weng Hoi, Dorai Sulement and Tan En Kee.

On the oaths taken by detainees, Dr Mahathir said these were the Rukunegara, oath of the detention camp, and the Negara-Ku.