

# PM to Razaleigh:

# LET'S MEET

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**KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. — Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today that he is prepared to meet Parti Semangat 46 leader Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah for the sake of Malay unity.**

But the Prime Minister and Umno president said there should be no conditions attached.

"For a long time, I have wanted to meet Tengku Razaleigh. There should be no problem (holding the meeting)," Dr Mahathir told reporters after launching Wanita Umno's 40th anniversary celebrations at the Putra World Trade Centre.

Tunku Abdul Rahman and Tun Hussein Onn were among the guests.

Dr Mahathir said the Tunku had suggested during their one-to-one discussion on Saturday that he should meet Tengku Razaleigh.

"I welcome this in good faith. If there are signals that discussions should be held, I am ever willing. That has always been my intention," he said.

He said that no date had however been fixed for the meeting, and he did not know whether the Tunku would help arrange it.

"I cannot commit the Tunku," he added.

Dr Mahathir said his meeting with the Tunku was for heart-to-heart talks, and it was held in an atmosphere of goodwill.

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sus that we reached was that both sides wanted unity."

As for the Tunku's presence at the celebrations, he said it "augurs well for bringing together Malay leaders." He added that he was proud to play host to one of Umno's founders.

Asked whether this would be a forerunner to talks with Semangat, he said it was just an invitation to the Tunku and other party veterans, and the question of politics did not arise.

"To us, this was an expression of unity in Umno, and other political issues did not arise today," he said.

Earlier, in her speech, Wanita Umno chief Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz, said the Tunku's presence was proof that "he is always with Umno because the party is truly the one championing the cause and future of the Malays."

She said all Malays with the interests of the race at heart should join Umno and refrain from actions that could weaken the party's role in nation-building.

She also said that there was no left or right wing in Umno, only component groups which strengthened the party.