

Party yet to submit list to Dr M

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BUKIT MERTAJAM, Wed.
— Umno is evaluating the performance of its Members of Parliament and State Assemblymen before submitting the list of candidates for the coming general election to party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Umno secretary-general Datuk Mohamed Rahmat said today that the evaluation was being carried out by the party headquarters.

He said the party president would then go through the final list of candidates before deciding.

"Dr Mahathir has the final say as to whether there will be any changes.

"However, if the MPs and State Assemblymen have been efficient and done a good job in their respective constituencies, I do not think there will be any major changes in the line-up."

Datuk Mohamed was speaking to reporters after opening a civics course, organised by the Bukit Mertajam Information Department, at Sekolah Tun Syed Sheh Shahabuddin here today.

Also present were State Executive Councillor and Bukit Mertajam Umno division chief Dr Ibrahim Saad, State MCA Youth chief Dr Tan Chong Keng and community leaders in Bukit Mertajam parliamentary constituency.

Datuk Mohamed said he did not know who would be contesting as the list of candidates had yet to be submitted to Dr Mahathir.

"Only Dr Mahathir and his deputy, Encik Ghafar Baba, will know. All we know is that Dr Mahathir and Encik Ghafar will surely stand in the election."

Datuk Mohamed, who is Information Minister, also said the party had formed a team of inspectors comprising Umno Supreme Council members to tour the country to check on all divisional election machinery.

The inspectors will also distribute questionnaires, prepared by the headquarters, to check on the strength and effectiveness of the election machinery.