

# Anyaoku to be told of polls

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## watch decision

**KUALA LUMPUR, Wed.** — Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will write to Commonwealth Secretary-General Chief Emeka Anyaoku to inform him of the Government's decision whether or not to invite observers for the coming general election.

This will be made after he meets the different groups on the matter, Dr Mahathir said, adding that he "would not invite anybody" until he has met the various people, including Opposition leader Lim Kit Siang.

"I don't want to invite and then have to say no," Dr Mahathir told a Press conference at Subang air-

port on his arrival home from London.

Dr Mahathir said while he was in London, he held discussions with Chief Anyaoku who had requested to meet him.

He said he explained to the Commonwealth secretary-general what was meant by "observers" as opposed to a "Commission of Inquiry."

There was a need for clarification as there had been "some confusion", he said.

"Chief Anyaoku now understands and is willing to send (a team of) observers and not a Commission of Inquiry," he said.

Dr Mahathir said he ex-

plained to Chief Anyaoku that observers should watch an election being conducted in accordance to the laws of the country and not to prevent anyone from practising his right.

On whether his meeting with Chief Anyaoku indicated an early election, Dr Mahathir said: "Everything shows that an election will be held, including the law which says that we can have it earlier or later if necessary."

On his visit to Venezuela, Dr Mahathir said he was indeed happy as it brought about "satisfying results".

He said three agreements, based on co-operation in the fight against dawah and increased

economic and technical co-operation between the two countries, were signed.

While in Venezuela, an agreement was also reached in which Malaysia, Venezuela and Senegal would be responsible for carrying out the resolutions of the Summit Level group for South-South Consultations (G-15).

A co-ordinating body would be set up in Geneva, he said.

Asked to comment on Mrs Benazir Bhutto's dismissal as Prime Minister, Dr Mahathir said this was Pakistan's internal problem. He was nevertheless confident that this would be resolved soon.