

Political game, says PM on 2 deputy MBs

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. — Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, said the appointment of two deputy Menteri Besar in Kelantan was part of a political game by Pas and Semangat 46 to create more jobs for themselves.

He said the Opposition parties had nothing to do so they created the two positions.

"Every one will receive allowances and 20 per cent of the money can go to the party," he said after delivering his key-note address at the 17th Asian Advertising Congress at the

Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC).

Dr Mahathir, who is also Umno president, commenting on several State Umno liaison committees which had prepared a list of candidates from their State to contest for vice-president and Supreme Council positions in the forthcoming party election, said: "Although each State committee has a list, the candidates need to have the support of delegates from other States to win. If a candidate is only supported by delegates in his own State, he cannot win."

On Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak's position as Umno Youth Chief, he said he had not made a decision yet.

He said he would make his decision when "everything is over".

He was commenting on a newspaper report that Datuk Seri Najib, who is Defence Minister, was a possible contender for the Umno vice-president's post at the party's General Assembly, if he was not re-appointed Umno Youth Chief.

The post is appointed by the president under the party's constitution.