

# Umno president praises delegates

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UMNO president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the delegates who took part in yesterday's proceedings had further highlighted the party's struggles.

He said their speeches were clear, concise, to the point, delivered with care and a with great measure of responsibility.

Dr Mahathir said even the tabling of the resolution on the constitutional monarchy was done in an orderly manner. It was clear that the delegate who tabled the resolution did not wish to offend any quarter or violate the law.

Dr Mahathir, who was speaking at a Press confer-

ence at the end of yesterday's proceedings, also referred to a trend in the past when a certain Umno Youth leader used the movement as his base to further his personal interests.

This encouraged others to do the same. But the trend has now ceased and Umno leaders no longer used their positions to seek personal gains.

Dr Mahathir also commended the delegates for highlighting the tactics used by the Opposition during the recent general election.

Asked to comment on the brief video showing by a Terengganu delegate on

the Kijal by-election, Dr Mahathir said the video clip was testimony to the unhealthy tactics of the Opposition which were not exposed.

This, and many other incidents, were not known to the Commonwealth observer team. The team therefore did not touch on the activities of the Opposition parties in its evaluation of the general election.

To another question, Dr Mahathir said the Government had no intention of making any clarification to the Commonwealth, but would only wish to comment on the team's report for public knowledge.