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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 4 (Bernama) -- The government will review the Sedition Act only if it is necessary, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

He said the government had not made any decision on a proposal to review the Act made at the Umno general assembly over the weekend.

It was proposal from Umno, and the government would make a review if it is necessary, he told reporters after the official opening of the eighth Parliament by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong.

+It is only a proposal within Umno. Umno is not the government but we will take note of it,+ the Prime Minister said.

Earlier, Attorney-General Tan Sri Abu Talib Othman told reporters that his office had yet to receive any directive from the government to review the Act. -- more

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On the police report lodged against Umno Youth by the opposition for alleged violation of the Sedition Act by tabling a resolution on the constitutional monarchy, Tan Sri Abu Talib said investigation into the case was the responsibility of the police.

Not every complaint would result in prosecution as the police would have to investigate whether an offence had been committed, he said.

Nevertheless, the question of whether anything that was said was seditious or otherwise could only be decided by the courts, he said. -- Bernama

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