

# Dr M says panel formed to study assembly proposals

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KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. — Umno has formed a committee to study further action to be taken on the proposals made at the recent general assembly on the Rulers and constitution.

Party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said tonight the committee is headed by his deputy, Encik Ghafar Baba.

"Other committee members will be appointed later," he told the Press after chairing the first meeting of newly-elected supreme council members at the Putra World Trade Centre.

He added the general assembly's proposal that he, Encik Ghafar or other supreme council members meet the Rulers to explain the debate and resolution on the constitutional mon-

archy was discussed.

"But we have not made a decision," said Dr Mahathir, who is also the Prime Minister.

However, he added, the supreme council agreed to be responsible for what transpired at the general assembly.

Dr Mahathir said there was no problem with the debate or the resolution on

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the Rulers and the constitution during the general assembly.

"It is just that some quarters do not understand our intention in discussing the resolution on the Rulers and constitution and the action that may be taken to clarify the situation."

Dr Mahathir had said on Dec 2, the last day of the Umno general assembly,

that there were two options on how to bring to the attention of the Rulers the outcome of the debate and resolution on the constitutional monarchy.

One was for Dr Mahathir and Encik Ghafar to have an audience with Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Azlan Shah to inform him of the general assembly's deliberations on the constitutional monarchy.

The other was to form a special committee to study the proposals made during the debate on the resolution on the Rulers and constitution.

Some of the proposals made during the debate on the Rulers and the constitution were laws to prohibit certain quarters from exploiting the Rulers' names, a review of the Sedition Act and the setting up of a Special Trust Fund for Royal families.

Dr Mahathir said the su-

preme council also discussed other resolutions on religion, education and the economy tabled and passed at the three-day general assembly, which began on Nov 30.

He said the supreme council also discussed recent political developments.

"We have received information how certain quarters are trying to create hatred against Malaysians from the peninsula among Sabahans."

He said the Sabahans were told that Malaysians from the peninsula were foreigners.

"This situation is not good for the country. It will give rise to parochial sentiments and cause ill-feelings among the people."

"We are monitoring their actions. We have not made any decision on what action is to be taken."