

# PM seeks verification of members in Umno

KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. — Umno divisional heads and committee members have been urged to expedite the verification of its members to help the party reclaim all its assets, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

He said the party was claiming back its assets which had been "seized" when the old Umno was deregistered on Feb 12, 1988.

"The divisional heads and their committee members must take the initiative to locate Umno members and to compile the necessary information from them," said Dr Mahathir, who is also Umno President.

Dr Mahathir said this after a two-hour closed-door briefing on various developments in the party to divisional heads and committee

members at Dewan Merdeka, Putra World Trade Centre.

Asked if there were problems in verifying these members, he said: "There is no problem. We just want to get confirmation from the members with regard to their membership."

## Membership

Dr Mahathir said it was important for party members to give their support in this matter and give proof of their membership.

To another question as to when the exercise could be completed, he said "within one month."

He said decisions taken by the Umno Supreme Council which met earlier this morning were also conveyed to the members.

These included the

Cabinet reshuffle, Umno's expansion to Sabah and its political development, follow-up actions on the resolution which was passed at the last Umno general assembly on the Rulers and the Constitution.

He also told the gathering that he had taken over the post of Umno Kelantan liaison chief.

Dr Mahathir spent about an hour explaining the country's stand on the Gulf crisis.

Asked whether those present at today's meeting had posed questions to him, Dr Mahathir replied: "There is no time... it is not a dialogue but merely to explain current issues."

He said there was unanimous support to a resolution at the end of meeting to back the Government's efforts in tackling the problems raised.