

King receives Umno resolution on Rulers and the Constitution

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— Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today handed the Umno general assembly's resolution on the Rulers and the Constitution to the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Azlan Shah today.

Dr Mahathir headed a delegation which included party deputy president Encik Ghafar Baba, vice-president Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, Youth leader Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and Wanita chief Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz which had an audience with the

King at Istana Negara at 3pm.

"I handed over the resolution and a covering letter explaining the circumstances leading to the resolution," said Dr Mahathir in reply to reporters' questions after launching the Artiquarium here.

Asked about the Yang di-Pertuan Agong's response after receiving the documents, Dr Mahathir said: "He received it well."

The resolution would also be conveyed to the Sultans.

The Umno general as-

sembly in early December had unanimously adopted a resolution on the Rulers and the Constitution urging the party leadership to see the King to discuss further the role of the Rulers under the country's Constitution.

The resolution, tabled by Penang's Tanjung division, among other things, urged for wisdom on the part of the Rulers to adhere strictly to the Federal and State Constitutions to ensure the integrity, sovereignty and survival of the institution of monarchy.

Replying to questions on

his meetings with Indonesian President Suharto and Singapore Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong in Jakarta on March 1, Dr Mahathir said, the topics would include bilateral and regional relations.

"The talks with Mr Suharto are part of our annual consultation while with Mr Goh the talks will centre on common interests," he said.

The Prime Minister will be in Jakarta on his way to Bali for an international conference on "Asean Countries and the World

Economy: Challenge of Change" from March 3 to 5.

He is scheduled to deliver a keynote address at the conference on March 4.

Dr Mahathir also did not discount the possibility of including more workers' representative in the 62-member Malaysian Business Council which will be launched on Thursday.

Asked why there was only one worker's representative in the council, he said the Government was trying to find appropriate people to represent the workers.