

Umno stability is key, says PM

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UMNO has ascertained its role to help the country achieve the status of developed nation in 30 years and is of the opinion that its central responsibility is to ensure party stability.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad told a news conference after a three-hour supreme council's meeting in Kuala Lumpur on Saturday that the party's stability will help bring about a stable and strong government which will in turn ensure that the country is politically stable.

"We are of the opinion that

the most important thing is for Umno to ensure the party's stability so that with this stability we will enable a stable and strong government.

With this, the country will be politically stable and this will make it easier to achieve the economic targets that have been set for the nation," said Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir who is also Umno president.

The year 2020 has been set as the target for the country to achieve developed nation status as envisioned by the prime min-

ister in his keynote address "Malaysia — The Way Forward" at the inaugural meeting of the Malaysian Business Council on February 28.

The supreme council meeting also discussed the party's efforts to move into Sabah. "We are making important measures to ascertain that Umno in Sabah is established in an effective way," said Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir.

The Umno president announced the pro-tem heads of 20 divisions in Sabah which include six leaders from outside Jene-