

Umno veeps to meet King soon

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KUALA LUMPUR: Umno vice-presidents are expected to present views representing the sentiments of party members during their audience with the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Azlan Shah and the Council of Rulers this week.

Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the members' views on the royal families' involvement in businesses and administration were discussed by the party's supreme council.

"I have met the King but the opinions presented were only my own," the Prime Minister told reporters after launching Mara's limousine service yesterday.

Dr Mahathir said Umno members had wanted the views to be more representative.

Asked to elaborate, he said it was up to the three vice-presidents — Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, Datuk Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and Datuk Seri Sanusi Junid — to present the sentiments.

"It is up to them. I do

not know what they will be talking about as I will not be in the delegation," he said.

Asked whether his meeting with the Sultan of Selangor two weeks ago was linked to the issue of Federal Government relations with the royal families, he said:

"*Tak ada apa-apa. Dengan Selangor pun tak ada apa* (It was nothing. Even with Selangor it was nothing)."

On Saturday, *Utusan Malaysia* reported that Umno's three vice-presidents would lead a delega-

tion to meet the rulers in Kuala Lumpur this week to present the people's and party's views on royalty.

Dr Mahathir and his deputy Abdul Ghafar Baba were not included as the supreme council felt it was its responsibility to present the views.

On the amendments to the Federal Constitution, Dr Mahathir said the council had yet to make any decisions.

"The matter was raised in passing during the council's meeting," he said.