

Umno to meet rulers on code of conduct

KUALA LUMPUR: Umno leaders will meet the rulers on April 25 to present a paper on the code of conduct for royalty, party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said last night.

He said that a delegation to be led by the party's vice-presidents would seek views and agreement of the rulers on the code.

"We viewed the paper on the code of conduct for the rulers and made some amendments.

"However, because the rulers have neither seen the paper nor agreed to the code, I cannot reveal the contents of the paper," he said after chairing a special supreme council meeting.

The paper was framed by a seven-man committee led by vice-president Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

The Council of Rulers had in a meeting with Umno leaders last month proposed the idea for the code.

Asked to comment on PAS' tactics of raising the rulers' issue in the Bukit Payong by-election, Dr Mahathir said that this was the game played by the opposition.

"The opposition will encourage the rulers to do things that will create animosity between the Rulers and the people.

"This is because they never favoured the monarchy system but preferred the *imam* system," he said.

Dr Mahathir said the council did not discuss PAS' plan to introduce *Hudud* laws in Kelantan.