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UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL CONCURS WITH COURT'S DECISION

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KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 26 (Bernama) -- The Umno Supreme Council concurs with the Johor Magistrate's Court decision to acquit the Tunku Bendahara of Johor, Tunku Abdul Majid Idris, on a charge of voluntarily causing hurt to Perak goalkeeper Mohamed Jaafar Selvaraja Vello.

Umno President Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who chaired the special meeting of the Supreme Council here today, said that Umno could not object to the court's decision as it was made according to the law.

"We have no objection ... it is up to the court to make the decision," he said when asked to comment on the Magistrate's Court decision to acquit Tunku Abdul Majid.

Sessions Court judge Abdul Rahman Abdul, who sat as magistrate, freed Tunku Abdul Majid when Mohamed Jaafar agreed that the case be compounded with a payment of compensation of RM1,000. -- more

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Dr Mahathir said that Umno would not agree if the court were to provide immunity to a prince who violated the law.

"But after being produced before the court and the court proceeded as it would with the others, we have no comments on the matter.

"We have to place our faith on the court," he said.

Asked if the court could make such a decision, the Prime Minister said: "I suppose it can or else the court would not do anything special that it cannot do. The court surely knows what it was doing." -- Bernama

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