

# Up to members to decide, says PM

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KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. —  
Umno president Datuk Seri  
Dr Mahathir Mohamad said  
members should be wary of  
mercenary writers who  
would use the party elec-  
tions to publish works  
which might create tension  
within the party.

The Prime Minister said  
the writers, whose only con-  
cern was to make money,  
were willing to write any-  
thing to cause the downfall  
of leaders.

"These are people who  
prostitute themselves for  
money ... they are ready to  
do anything for money."  
They have no credibility,"  
he said after an Umno su-  
preme council meeting here  
today.

Asked if he had any ad-  
vice for Umno members on  
the party's general assem-  
bly scheduled for November  
(where elections will be  
held), Dr Mahathir said he  
had none as they must abide  
by the procedures.

When further asked about  
the contest for the party's  
number one and two posts,  
Dr Mahathir said it was up  
to party members to decide.

On the status of Portu-  
guese who had asked to be  
recognised as Bumiputera  
and accepted as Umno mem-  
bers, he said a study to de-  
termine their status has not  
been completed.

Dr Mahathir also said the  
supreme council decided  
that should any branch de-  
cline to accept membership  
fees from members, the  
money should be submitted  
to the division.

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