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NO MORE COMMENTS FROM DR MAHATHIR ON UMNO ELECTIONS

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KUALA LUMPUR, June 26 (Bernama) -- Umno President Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today he will not make any more comments on the party elections this November as his statements had been misinterpreted.

"I think I have made enough statements on this (Umno elections). There is no necessity for me to keep speaking on the same thing," he told reporters after opening the 40th MCA General Assembly here.

"They (the comments) seem to be creating the wrong impression anyway. I think I will not comment."

Asked further on the matter, the Prime Minister said: "Whatever I say, people interpret, in the other way according to their own wishes.

"I had been, specific enough, and I don't have to be more specific than that," he said. -- more

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On June 11, after chairing the Umno Supreme Council meeting, Dr Mahathir said the party's top two posts should not be contested.

Vice-President Anwar Ibrahim had informed the council that he had decided not to challenge Encik Ghafar, Dr Mahathir had told a press conference.

Anwar, who is Finance Minister, had been touted as a likely candidate to challenge Deputy Prime Minister Ghafar Baba for the party's number two post.

Several leaders later spoke out in favour of a contest, including Melaka Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Rahim Thamby Chik who said Umno members nominated to contest should respect the decision of the divisions that proposed them.

Abdul Rahim said Dr Mahathir's no-contest advice on the top two posts was just a guideline to maintain unity within the party. -- Bernama

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