

Victory not narrow, says Dr M

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KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. — Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad tonight congratulated winners of the Youth and Wanita elections.

The Prime Minister was speaking at a Press conference after chairing the supreme council meeting at the party headquarters here.

Asked about the relatively small majority secured by Malacca Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Rahim Tamby Chik in winning the Youth head post, Dr Mahathir said: "Its not narrow...its 44...that is not small.

"In Umno, it's always like that. I also had won just by 43 only..this is a normal thing in Umno," said Dr Mahathir, referring to the presidential contest when he defeated his challenger Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah in 1987.

Incoming deputy president Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, who was present, remarked that he too had won by just 10 votes at one time.

Anwar had defeated incumbent Datuk Suhaimi Kamaruddin for the Youth head post in 1982.

Dr Mahathir said it was difficult for the delegates to choose.

"Both candidates are smart, handsome, clever and both have beards," he said to the laughter of those present.

He said the supreme council would discuss a proposal by Wanita Umno to amend the party constitution which would make it automatic for divisions to include one or two Wanita representatives in their respective delegations to the general assembly.

"We will discuss it at the

Party supreme council members to

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next supreme council meeting. If there is a need, a special assembly will have to be called," the party president said.

Presently, Wanita and Youth are allowed to send 30 delegates each to represent the movements at the party's general assembly.

Dr Mahathir said the

council also discussed the programme for tomorrow's general assembly.

"The elections will be conducted after the presidential address and the supreme council members will cast

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their votes last," he added.

Due the length of time expected to complete the elections, the general assembly will only discuss two resolutions — education and the presidential ad-

dress.

The resolution on education will be tabled by Selangor and seconded by Wanita and the presidential address by Perak and seconded by Youth.

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