

Dr M: Action against saboteurs

KUALA LUMPUR: Disciplinary action will be taken against several Umno members found to have sabotaged the party during the Sabah elections, Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said yesterday.

He said certain party members were guilty of such an offence and they would be handed to the disciplinary committee for action.

Dr Mahathir did not say how many were involved.

"The Umno supreme council wishes to congratulate Umno Sabah because of its hard work during the elections," he told a press conference after chairing the council meeting at the party headquarters here.

The council also thanked leaders and members for the success. The Barisan won 23 seats while PBS took

25 seats to form the state government in the Feb 18 and 19 polls.

Dr Mahathir said Umno would not challenge the Sabah constitution regarding the appointment of six additional state assemblymen by the ruling party.

He also announced the appointment of deputy president Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim as chairman of the party's economic bureau.

Other appointed chairmen are Haji Abdul Ghani Othman (education), Datuk Dr Yusof Noor (religion), Datuk Sabbaruddin Chik (human resources) and Datuk Abu Hassan Omar (consumer affairs).

The council also fixed the Umno annual branch meetings, including those for the Wanita and Youth, for May 1 to June 30.