

# Umno won't spread its wings to Sarawak

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. — The Umno supreme council today decided against spreading its wings to Sarawak and said it would confine itself to Peninsular Malaysia and Sabah.

Party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said Umno felt it could work with the Sarawak-based parties currently in power and therefore did not want to "rock the boat".

"We have officially decided not to go to Sarawak especially since we do not have any problems with the ruling coalition," said the Prime Minister in response to reporters' questions after chairing the Umno supreme

council meeting.

Asked how the party's leadership would react if there was a request to go into Sarawak, Dr Mahathir said: "We would not entertain it."

He said the party was not aware of any opposition to Umno's entry into Sarawak, but since there were some unhappy feelings that Umno might expand to the State, the Umno leadership has decided at the outset to make the decision.

Dr Mahathir said the supreme council expressed satisfaction that all the party's divisional elections had been completed and although there were some

problems, these had been resolved.

He said two divisions — Tanjung and Batu Gajah — were suspended and their administration would be taken over by the respective State Umno liaison committees since there were some discrepancies in their membership and other issues.

When asked to elaborate, he cited a case of an area where there were few Malays but yet a large Umno membership.

Dr Mahathir said the meeting also agreed to produce an official history of

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## Historian to produce official history of Umno

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Umno and would commission a non-political historian and professionals to undertake the project.

"We need materials for the project from Umno members who may have documents, brochures and photographs especially of the early years. Interviews would also be done to record oral statements," he said.

He said the project would take time since it involved the vetting of a large number of documents and pictures, and numerous interviews needed to be conducted.

He said the present books on Umno written by individuals were incomplete and were also not official.

At the same Press conference, deputy party president Datuk Seri Anwar Ibra-

him also announced the supreme council's representatives to the Umno Youth and Wanita annual general assemblies to be held on Nov 23.

Negri Sembilan Menteri Besar Tan Sri Mohamed Isa Abdul Samad, Rural Development Minister Datuk Annuar Musa and Defence Minister Datuk Syed Hamid Albar will attend the Youth

assembly while Terengganu Menteri Besar Tan Sri Wan Mokhtar Ahmad, Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister Datuk Abu Hassan Omar and Malacca Chief Minister Datuk Zin Abdul Ghani will attend the Wanita assembly.

Anwar said the two meetings would debate the presidential address and resolutions on religion and education.