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MAHATHIR ISSUES REMINDER NOT TO USE GOVT MACHINERY IN POLLS

KUALA LUMPUR, June 17 (Bernama) -- All Umno members holding government positions have been reminded not to use government machinery in their campaign for posts in the party elections in October.

The reminder was issued by Prime Minister and Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in a letter circulated last week to Menteri Besar, Chief Minister, Cabinet Ministers, Deputy Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries.

In the letter, Dr Mahathir asked that the directive be followed strictly.

The reminder is in line with a decision by the party's Supreme Council to bar contestants from using government machinery to maintain the good image of Umno and fairness in the elections.

The contestants have been told to begin their campaigning only from Aug 1.

Several Cabinet Ministers, Deputy Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries, who were contacted, confirmed having received the letter. --
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