

State-level NEAC in place, says **Mahathir**

KUALALUMPUR: The state-level National Economic Action Council (NEAC) to be chaired by the respective mentris besar and chief ministers has been set up, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

He said each state-level council which would be operational soon, was a smaller version of the parent body headed by himself.

The state NEAC, he said, would explain to the grassroots the government policies and strategies to ensure the authorities get the

full support of the people in pursuing measures to overcome the economic slowdown. S 10.1.98

"The state council will also monitor what is happening at the grassroots level and check if the people are facing problems and help the business community to overcome its difficulties," he told reporters after chairing the Umno supreme council meeting here yesterday.

For PAS-led Kelantan, Dr Mahathir said Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat would chair the state

NEAC in his capacity as the Menteri Besar.

"We do not take into consideration the differences in political parties. This is a national problem. I am sure they will do their job as well as others," he said.

Dr Mahathir said the formation of the state-level NEAC was the main topic of discussion at the meeting.

The Prime Minister said although the people's support to the Government was encouraging, it could be better.