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Expulsion for those in high posts, too

KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. - Umno is prepared to expel members involved in money politics even if they held high positions in the party, its president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

"Even if we have to expel members holding high positions, it is better that way than Umno becoming a party which practises money politics," he said.

Asked to comment on the arrests of three Kuala Selangor Umno delegates by the Anti-Corruption Agency for their alleged involvement in money-politics in the on-going divisional elections, Dr Mahathir, who is Prime Minister, said such action had to be taken because the party wanted to rid itself of corrupt members.

He was speaking to reporters at the Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah International Airport in Subang on his arrival from Germany.

"We have warned them before and had even held special meetings on money politics and if they insist on resorting to corrupt practices, we have to take action," Dr Mahathir said.

ACA Director-General Datuk Shafee Yahaya said yesterday the ACA had detained and questioned three delegates to the Kuala Selangor Umno meeting in connection with money politics.

Six delegates to the Sungai Petani Umno Division meeting were also questioned by the Kedah ACA yesterday over similar complaints.

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