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Perlis Umno to re-nominate Dr M

KANGAR, Fri. - Perlis Umno will re-nominate Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for the party presidency in next year's election, state party chairman Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim said today.

He said the three party divisions in Perlis namely Kangar, Arau and Padang Besar, had unanimously decided to renominate the Prime Minister.

"This was declared at the closed-door meeting with the Prime Minister today," he said after Dr Mahathir's Press conference at the end of his half-day visit to Perlis.

Shahidan, who is the Menteri Besar and Arau Umno division chief, had announced the State Umno's stand 10 days ago.

The Kangar and Padang Besar divisions are led respectively by former Menteri Besar Tan Sri Dr Abdul Hamid Pawanteh and Deputy Housing and Local Government Minister Datuk Azmi Khalid.

Earlier, Dr Mahathir said during the closed-door meeting with Umno heads, that he had touched on their roles to strengthen the party and avoid fighting for positions.

Dr Mahathir joined some 2,000 Muslims for Friday prayers in Guar Gajah Mosque near Arau.

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