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STILL EARLY TO TALK ABOUT UMNO POLLS, SAYS MAHATHIR

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 20 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister and Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today said anyone can express keenness in contesting for Umno positions in next year's party elections.

However, it was still too early to discuss party polls which are still months away, he said when reporters approached him on the matter after opening the Malaysian furniture design centre here.

Media reports had touted several Umno members as probable contenders for party positions in the coming Umno elections.

Yesterday former president of the defunct Parti Semangat Melayu 46 (S46) who has rejoined Umno, Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah said he was prepared to consider contesting for the party's number two post if endorsed by members and leaders.

"He's just voicing it...but the contest is long way to go. Anything can happen before that," Dr Mahathir said.

Umno is scheduled to hold party elections in June next year.

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