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UMNO PREPARED TO EXPEL ANY MEMBER INVOLVED IN MONEY POLITICS

KUALA LUMPUR, March 22 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today Umno is prepared to expel any member involved in money politics even if they have high positions in the party.

"Even if we have to expel members holding high positions, it is better that way than Umno becoming a party practising political corruption," he told an airport news conference on his return from Germany.

He was commenting on the move by the Anti-Corruption Agency (ACA) to detain a number of Umno members in connectin with complaints about money politics during the party divisional polls.

Dr Mahathir, who is also Umno President, said, "If there is corruption what are we to do? We want Umno to be free of money politics."

He said Umno had done everything to get rid of this menace.

"We have given warnings...we have held meetings on money politics. If they persist, what can the party do. The ACA will investigate."

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

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

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