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UMNO HAS NO PLACE FOR THE DISLOYAL, SAYS MAHATHIR

KUALA LUMPUR, March 2 (Bernama) -- Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said tonight that Umno does not need members who are disloyal and those who party-hop.

Party members must be loyal and should be prepared to face challenges, he said when commenting on Saturday's crossover by Kelantan State Assemblyman for Tendong from Umno to PAS.

"We (Umno) need only those who are loyal to the party. He made the decision to leave, let him leave. We are not interested in party hoppers," he said after chairing the party's Supreme Council meeting here.

Dr Mahathir said because of a particular reason, Hussain decided to leave Umno which meant that he only became a member for personal gains and not in the interest of the party.

"To a party member, whatever the reasons, he will remain in the interest of the party," he said. -- BERNAMA

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