

Mahathir's play by rules call should be made a directive, says Rais 28

PUTRAJAYA, Wed: The Umno president's call for members contesting the coming party elections to play by the rules should be made a directive.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Dr Rais Yatim said today making Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's call a "directive" will ensure better and stricter enforcement among contestants.

"I fully support his call not to use money in the coming

party elections and will personally abide by the call as it will have a positive effect on the selection of leaders.

"This can be practised within Umno and by others in the country as it is a very positive move," Rais told reporters after a courtesy call from Bar Council president R.R. Chelvarajah here.

Besides Rais, the others believed to be eyeing the three vice-presidents posts are incumbent Defence Minister Datuk Seri Najib

Abdul Razak, Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar and Perlis Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim. *SUN 6/1/2000*

Monday's Umno/supreme council meeting proposed that Mahathir be renominated to the presidency and Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi be nominated as the number two.

The general assembly will be held for four days beginning May 10.