

## We accept defeat in Lunas: PM

**KUALA LUMPUR, Wed:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said he accepts the defeat of the Barisan Nasional candidate in the Lunas by-election.

"That's Lunas's decision . we accept it," he said when asked to comment on the result of the by-election after performing *tarawih* prayers together with the Defence Ministry staff here.

Earlier, Mahathir had a 30-minutes closed-door dialogue session with 450 Defence Ministry staff at the ministry. Also present was Defence Minister Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak.

Mahathir, who is BN chairman, said he is disappointed and wanted a study to be conducted to find out the reason for the defeat.

Meanwhile, Najib who is also Umno vice-president, said BN accepts the decision although he feels that the future of the people in Lunas is guaranteed under BN.

"However, we will conduct an indepth study. We should not act in haste and panic but we should look from the perspective that this is a by-election."