

# LOYALTY RULES

Four new faces among  
10 appointed to Umno  
Supreme Council

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KUALA LUMPUR, Fri: The appointment of 10 Umno Supreme Council members announced today is made based on their loyalty and contributions to the party, party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said.

He said the party needs to appoint people who are in Umno or sympathetic to it but will never be elected to the council in the party elections because they are not seasoned campaigners.

Among them are four new faces - Education Minister Tan Sri Musa Mohamad, women's issues activist and lawyer Azlina Othman, Wanita exco member Dr Norraesah Mohamad and Kulim/Bandar Baru Umno Youth head Azimi Daim.

"Quite a lot of them did not take part in the party elections

but they can contribute their views.

"Otherwise, we will become inbred without external injection of members and views," he said when answering questions about the new faces in the Umno Supreme Council line-up.

Mahathir was speaking at a press conference after opening an international seminar and dialogue on Enhancing the Understanding of Islam for the Media at the Institute of Islamic

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## 3 women elected to boost representation in council

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On the criteria needed in order to be appointed, Mahathir said there were plenty, including the fact that no woman was elected to the council, were considered.

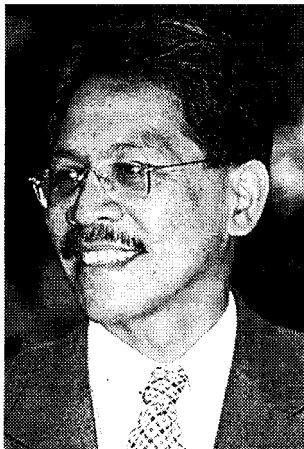
Therefore, it should not be surprising that there were three women appointed including former Wanita head Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman, Norraesah and Azlina.

On the appointment of Sabah Chief Minister Datuk Seri Osu Sukam, Mahathir said this is because of Umno's increasing strength in Sabah.

Besides Osu, Johor Mentri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman and Perlis Mentri Besar Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim were re-appointed.

Others appointed are former deputy entrepreneur development minister Datuk Idris Jusoh and Gua Musang MP Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah.

Razaleigh, however, was dropped as Kelantan liaison chief and replaced by Datuk Mustapa Mohamed in a separate list of state liaison chiefs



Idris ... appointed to sit in supreme council

and deputies.

Mahathir also said he could not appoint all mentris besar to the supreme council because of the limited seats.

Excluded are Selangor Mentri Besar Datuk Seri Abu Hassan Omar and Negri Sembilan Mentri Besar Tan Sri Mohamed Isa Abdul Samad. Both are state party chiefs.

On Musa, Mahathir said Musa is a newcomer who can contribute to the party



## APPOINTED SUPREME COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. Datuk **Dr Siti** Zaharah Sulaiman (former Wanita chief)
2. **Dr Norraesah** Mohamad (Wanita Exco member)
3. Azlina Othman (Lawyer)
4. Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim (Perlis Mentri Besar)
5. Datuk Abdul **Ghani** Othman (Johor Mentri Besar)
6. **Datuk** Seri Osu Sukam (Sabah Chief Minister)
7. Datuk Idris Jusoh (former Entrepreneur Development Minister)
8. Tan Sri Musa Mohamad (Education Minister)
9. Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah (Gua Musang MP)
10. Azimi Daim (Kulim/Bandar Baru Umno Youth head)

## STATE UMNO LIAISON COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN (Deputy chairman in italic)

1. Datuk Seri Abdullah **Ahmad** Badawi - Penang  
*Datuk Dr Hilmi Yahya*
2. Datuk Seri **Abdullah Ahmad** Badawi - Terengganu  
*Datuk Idris Jusoh*
3. Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob - **Pahang**  
*Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob*
4. Datuk Mohamad **Ali Rustam** - Malacca  
*Datuk Seri Abu Zahar Ithnin*
5. Datuk Seri Tajol **Rosli** Ghazali - Perak  
*Tan Sri Ramli Ngah Talib*
6. Datuk Mustapa Mohamed - Kelantan  
*Datuk Annuar Musa*
7. Tengku **Adnan** Tengku **Mansor** - Federal Territory  
*Datuk Drs Suleiman Mohamed*
6. Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed **Zain** - Kedah  
*Datuk Dr Abdul Hamid Othman*
9. Datuk Seri Abu Hassan Omar - Selangor  
*Tan Sri Muhammad Muhamad*
10. Datuk Abdul **Ghani** Othman - Johor  
*Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin*
11. Datuk Osu Sabah - Sabah  
*Datuk Mohamed Salleh Said Keruak*
12. Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim - Perlis  
*Datuk Azmi Khalid*
13. Tan Sri Mohamed Isa Abdul **Samad** - Negri **Sembilan**  
*Datuk Khalid Yunus*

"He is not an activist, he did not contest, but then he is holding a very important portfolio," he added.

The appointments were announced in a statement issued by Umno secretary-general Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob today

It was read out by Umno executive secretary Tengku Datuk Adnan Tengku Mansor at party headquarters this evening.