

Mahathir: Those elected must work hard

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the candidates elected at this year's Umno General Assembly must work hard as they have been entrusted to strive for the party

"This is the delegates choice and those elected must work hard," he told newsmen after the Umno dinner held for the delegates at the Putra World Trade Centre here.

Asked for his comment on the new vice-presidents, Mahathir, who is Prime Minister

and Umno president, said the results were not unexpected and that "many felt that this group of people will win".

On money politics in the party, Mahathir said he did not receive any report against the newly elected vice-presidents.

"We accept the results," he said after receiving the results from the party executive secretary Datuk Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor at the dinner

The party president can

appoint not more than 10 persons to the Supreme Council. However, Mahathir said he has not made any decision yet.

Umno deputy president Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said jokingly: "What's there to say? They are all my good friends."

He said: "I should be able to work very well with them, because all three of them will be in the Disciplinary Committee (which he heads).

"I look forward to working closely with them."

He also said it does not matter that Tan Sri Muhammad Muhammad Taib is not in government because "I was also not in government before but I won."

On the newly elected Supreme Council members, he said: "There is a good balance especially because there are about 10 new faces. I am confident of their ability and they will bring new ideas."

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