

Dr M satisfied with women's new line-up

IPOH, Tues: Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is satisfied that the Wanita line-up announced by new head Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz was selected in good faith and not an act of revenge.

"I have studied the list and am satisfied that she did not remove the whole lot (Zaharah's supporters). In fact, many were retained," the Prime Minister said.

This was the reason why he declined to comment on the appointments before meeting Rafidah, he said.

With regards to the dropping of nine state chiefs, Mahathir said: "Maybe she (Rafidah) felt they needed to be replaced by those who are

more active."

He was speaking to reporters after launching the 29th national-level Teacher's Day celebration here.

Rafidah, who recaptured her post after beating Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman by 12 votes last Wednesday, retained three state chiefs, named nine new ones and has yet to name another.

Mahathir believes Rafidah's decision to announce the line-up within a few days of winning the post was not done in a hurried manner.

"I am sure she contacted the various state liaison committee heads prior to this and the decision made was a joint one and not solely hers," he said.