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`Malacca will heed advice'

MALACCA, Sat. - All five State Umno divisions will nominate Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi for the posts of party president and deputy president respectively.

Although the divisions have yet to hold their delegates' meeting, State Umno chief Datuk Wira Mohd Ali Mohd Rustam said divisional leaders had unanimously agreed during the State party meeting on Jan 15 to heed the supreme council's advice against nominating candidates other than Dr Mahathir and Abdullah for the top two posts.

However, it is up to the divisions to decide who they wish to nominate for the posts of vice-presidents and supreme council members.

"There will be no changes (to the decision that the top two posts be left uncontested)," Mohd Ali said after opening the Malacca Datuk-Datuk Association building in Taman Melaka Raya.

On nominations for supreme council posts, Mohd Ali said there was no harm for divisions to nominate more than one person from Malacca.

The Batu Berendam division, headed by Mohd Ali, will hold its meeting at 2pm tomorrow while the Alor Gajah, Selandar, Kota Melaka and Jasin divisions will hold their meetings on March 12.

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