

PM: Umno clubs to adhere to rules

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JAKARTA: Umno will look into the possibility of dissolving its clubs overseas should their existence contravene the laws of the country concerned, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said.

He said Umno would respect and adhere to laws imposed by other countries but feared that other parties would make overseas trips to incite hatred against "the country and the *Mahafiraun*, which is me".

Dr Mahathir said this when asked by a student whether the party would dissolve its clubs overseas if their setting up contravened the law there.

He was at a meeting with some 300 Malaysians, including students in Indonesia last night. Also present were Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar and Malaysian Ambassador to Indonesia Datuk Rustam Mohd Isa.

On the Internal Security Act, the Prime Minister said the law was necessary as a preventive measure against any untoward incidents.

"There are quarters who feel that arresting the criminal prior to committing the crime is a violation of human rights but what about the rights of the victim if we don't arrest the killer?," he asked.
