

Umno may set up kindergartens

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JITRA, Sat. — Umno is prepared to set up kindergartens which emphasise on religious teachings, similar to those run by Pas.

Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said such kindergartens could be opened for the benefit of party members' children.

"Parents should not allow their children to go to Pas-run kindergartens.

"If they want to send their children to religious classes from young, then we can have Umno-

managed kindergartens," he said in his winding-up speech at the Kubang Pasu Umno delegates' conference at Dewan Jitra.

Dr Mahathir, who is the division chief, said parents should also ensure their children were taught Umno's principles and struggles.

On another topic, he said there was no point transferring civil servants who supported the Opposition as they would only continue to berate leaders at their new postings.

A better way of dealing with such people was to win them over through constructive engagement, he said.

Earlier, in his opening speech, Dr Mahathir said the party's supreme council was looking into ways to ensure that professionals who wanted to join the party were not prevented from doing so.

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