

Donate in a transparent way, Dr M tells Umno members

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JOHOR BARU: Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said charitable members should donate to the party to avoid allegations of money politics.

He said the headquarters could then re-distribute all donations in the way it sees fit.

"If we really love Umno, we can donate to the headquarters or state liaison offices which will then distribute the money fairly to divisions.

"If a member donates to his division only, it could be construed as trying to buy support from his members," he told reporters after opening the 55th MIC Convention yesterday.

Dr Mahathir, who is also the Prime Minister, said Umno would act against any member involved in money politics.

He said the party would not bow to pressure from anyone in its efforts to stamp out the negative effects of money politics.

He said disgruntled members who threatened to leave the party over the recent action against certain division leaders would soon come to their senses.