

# Zainol has to relinquish exco post

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**KUALA LUMPUR, Mon:** Suspended Baling Umno division head Datuk Zainol Mohd Isa has to relinquish his Kedah state exco post if the state government is to follow the party supreme council's decision today.

Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the

supreme council endorses all the decisions made by the disciplinary board and "a state government that is dominated by Umno will abide by the decision".

"Umno's decision to reject corrupt division heads must be reflected by state governments," he said.

Speaking at a media conference after chairing the party supreme council meeting here today, the prime minister also said the supreme council is satisfied with the

process employed by the board.

He said the supreme council also decided that if a division head is found guilty of money politics and has to relinquish his post, then the competitor in the division election would automatically take over.

"In the case where there were three contestants or more, then the candidate with the highest votes will get the post. There will be no more election unless the other candidate is also found guilty. Then, we will have

to decide what to do," he said.

Mahathir also said the government will no longer entertain requests for business contracts from Umno division heads although they are free to conduct their own businesses.

He said those who hold contracts with the government will "have to choose whether they want to be businessmen or division heads."

Besides Zainol, two other division heads found guilty of money politics

are Mustapha Kamal Mohd Nawli (Gopeng) and Datuk Abdullah Omar (Muar).

The others found guilty of the above are Gopeng information chief Mohamad Annuar Baharuddin, Bagan Serai deputy head candidate Zaki Din, and Selayang information chief Rahmat Abdullah.

Except for Zaki Din, the rest have been suspended from holding or contesting for any post in the party for six years.