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PM: Govt to review Azim's BSN post

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs: The government will consider whether suspended Umno Bukit Bintang division head Datuk Abdul Azim Mohd Zabidi can keep his post as Bank Simpanan Nasional (BSN) chairman.

"This is a party matter, not a government matter. If he had misused government funds, then it is a different matter," Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

On Abdul Azim's position as Umno supreme council member, Mahathir said he will study the matter as it involves party laws.

"This is Umno law. I am not an Umno lawyer," he said.

Mahathir, who is the Umno president, also said he does not know whether the suspension of Kuantan division vice-head Datuk Faisal Abdullah was over money politics.

He said he will have to study the matter as he does not know the complications of the suspension.

"I'll have to study it," he said when asked to comment on Faisal's six-year suspension, begin-

ning on May 26.

Mahathir was speaking after launching the Cheras Education Foundation (YPC).

Faisal's suspension was announced by Umno disci-

plinary board chairman Tengku Tan Sri Ahmad Rithaudeen, along with Azim's, yesterday.

Tengku Ahmad Rithaudeen said although Azim is removed from his post

as division head, he will keep his post as supreme council member since he was elected to the post in party elections last year and not during the divisional elections.