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THOSE ELECTED TO LEAD UMNO DIVISIONS SHOULD WORK DILIGENTLY

KUALA LUMPUR, April 12 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today advised leaders who have been elected to lead Umno divisions to discharge their duties diligently for the goodwill of the party.

"Those elected should carry out their duties well and those who have lost should lend their support to those who have won," he told reporters after launching a dental filling product called Silverfil manufactured by Syarikat Dunia Perwira Sdn Bhd, at Taman Teknologi Malaysia.

Until today, 24 Umno divisions have held their elections which began early this month. Five new faces have surfaced among the elections held in these divisions.

Asked on the election of new division heads, Dr Mahathir said it was up to Umno members to chose who they wished.

Speaking on the use of money for the fishing of votes at divisional level elections, Dr Mahathir said Umno would act against those who were involved in such activity.

"If there is proof, we will take action but everybody talks about the use of money in division elections but there is no proof... we cannot take action based on accusations only and without proof," he said.

Asked to comment on Umno Wanita Head, Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz's statement yesterday that the quota system for nomination for every Umno post be abolished, except for that of the President and Deputy President, Dr Mahathir said the decision to have such a system was made by the party and not by the leadership only.

"I did not make the decision, the Umno Supreme Council made the decision.. she (Rafidah) is a member of the Supreme Council and she can raise the matter with the council," he said.

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