

Dr **M-Fadzil** talks a milestone, says Abim

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KUALA LUMPUR: The meeting here today between Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and PAS President Datuk Fadzil Noor signals that a new **mindset** has developed among the Malay leadership, the National Muslim Youth Organisation (Abim) said.

Abim president Azam Abdul Rahman, said the move between the two leaders meant that although they were both from different parties, their stand on issues involving Islam was "united".

"This is the best thing to happen to the country in a long time. A good start towards unity," he said here yesterday.

Co-sponsor of the meeting Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka said on

Monday that Dr Mahathir and Fadzil had agreed to talk during the forum organised to highlight the Palestinian issues.

Azam said it would be wrong to interpret the development as a "compromise" between two major Malay parties.

The Muslim Scholar Association hailed the move as the most "positive" development involving the two Malay parties.

"The Malays are saying that they are not willing to surrender the sovereignty of the country to anyone although they may have different political agenda," said its president, Abdul Ghani Shamsuddin.

The forum entitled *Premier Talk: Palestine and Humanity* will be held at the Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka hall at 8pm.