

# Dr M: Govt to issue White Paper on KMM

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## 'It will only be ready after police end probe'

THE Government will come out with a White Paper on the Kumpulan Mujahideen Malaysia (KMM).

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the paper had already been drafted, but it would only be ready after the police had concluded their investigations into all aspects of the group's activities.

"Furthermore, there may still be some cases in the courts relating to this so we have to wait before we can explain it all to the people," he told a press conference at the end of the second day of the Umno general assembly yesterday.

Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, who was present at the press conference, said investigations into cases involving KMM



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members were ongoing.

"We are preparing the paper. But the more we investigate, the more there is to investigate," he added.

On calls made by many Umno members to the Government to monitor PAS

activities closely as they could be related to militant activities, Dr Mahathir said:

"We are aware that the younger members in PAS do not believe they can win their cause through the democratic process and that the only way for them to set up a government is through violence.

"Most of those who went to Pakistan or Afghanistan to learn how to topple the government through militancy are the younger section of PAS members and leaders."

He said the Government was not accusing PAS leaders of being directly involved in instigating this group of people, but they were directly implicated because of their push to set up a so-called Islamic government.

"By the party's insistence to set up an Islamic state, PAS' younger members decided on

their own to use violence to topple the government, so a link is definitely there," he said.

Asked to comment on Terengganu Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Hadi Awang's statement calling Umno for a meeting to discuss the proposed *hudud* (Islamic law) bill, the Prime Minister said there was no necessity as the matter did not concern the religion but was only a political ploy by the party.

"This is about their politics, not about law or religion. This is only PAS politics to trick the people for its own political interest."

Dr Mahathir also said the Government would expedite the move to take over private kindergartens implicated in teaching young children to hate the Government and its leaders.