

# ***Umno Youth pledges to*** **STAR** 24 JUN 2002 ***work harder***

KUALA LUMPUR: Umno Youth has pledged to be more aggressive in working towards the success of the Malay agenda set by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"If the Prime Minister continued with more programmes for the Malays, we would promise to move (to make those programmes a success)," said its deputy chief Datuk Abdul Aziz Sheikh Fadzir.

Abdul Aziz said the movement had been working towards the agenda but the Malay community should be more spirited to ensure it could be achieved.

Umno Youth also pledged its full support for Dr Mahathir's leadership as party president and Prime Minister.

"We strongly want him to continue leading the party and country for the stability and excellence of the nation," said Abdul Aziz after chairing a meeting of the wing's committee members and state chiefs.

He said Youth chief Datuk Hishammuddin Hussein was seeking a meeting with Dr Mahathir to convey the youth's stand.

On the meeting, he said the state chiefs were directed to explain to members Dr Mahathir's resignation from all party posts and his subsequent retraction.

"The state chiefs have been told to explain the matter to their division heads to prevent

confusion among members.

"This is to ensure that Umno Youth moves as a team to give its support to the Prime Minister." He said members had not fully recovered from the shock of Dr Mahathir's announcement, made during his winding-up speech at the Umno general assembly on Saturday.

Abdul Aziz said the movement would meet Barisan Nasional Youth leaders tomorrow to pledge support for Dr Mahathir.

He said Youth leaders in the coalition would have to clarify the issue to members.