

# Mahathir rules out taking up

## a new job

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KUCHING: Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has ruled out the possibility of taking up any job in international organisations after he retires as Prime Minister in October next year.

"I am retiring. I am 77 and I don't think I would like to take up a new job.

"My job will be to sit at home and try to help the party (Umno) and the Government if they want me to do something," he said yesterday.

Dr Mahathir had earlier opened Lembaga Amanah Kebajikan Masjid Negri Sarawak's (LAKMNS) RM60mil new building in Medan Jaya here.

He also witnessed the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) between LAKMNS and Austral Enterprises Bhd to set up a RM50mil palm oil refinery in the Kidurong Industrial Area in Bintulu.

Asked if he would take over the leadership of the Organisation of Islamic Countries (OIC) if offered, the Prime Minister replied: "No, no, no. I have no capacity to do that. (I am) not competent."

Dr Mahathir said that when Tunku Abdul Rahman retired as OIC secretary-general, the latter was a much younger man than him.

He said he would continue to give talks or lectures after his retirement if he was invited, as it would be "fun".

On the power struggle in the Sarawak National Party (SNAP), Dr Mahathir, who is also Barisan Nasional chairman, said he had no advice to offer.

"I am quite sure they will resolve the problems."

Asked if SNAP leaders had met him yesterday, Dr Mahathir said: "I met (Datuk Amar) James (Wong Kim Min). He was sitting in front of me (at the opening of PBB's general assembly)."

He said they did not discuss SNAP's problems "because we are polite people."