

Ummi must prove claim against Azalina, says Dr M

KUALA LUMPUR: Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said Ummi Hafilda Ali should prove her allegations against Azalina Othman Said with regards to her sexual preferences.

He said Umno's stand on homosexuality and lesbianism was very clear.

"We do not accept this kind of culture. If you are involved in that kind of thing - out you go," he said after chairing the Umno supreme council meeting.

Dr Mahathir was told that Ummi Hafilda, who had convinced him (Dr Mahathir) that his former deputy Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim was involved in homosexual activities, had now made similar allegations against the Puteri Umno chief.

To this, he said: "She will have to prove it."

Azalina had recently won the Puteri chief post uncontested.

Ummi Hafilda, who was one of four challengers for the post, had also said that Umno should not practise double standards with regards to homosexual behaviour and that she was prepared to be sacked from the party for pursuing the truth.

Dr Mahathir said the list of names of contenders for the Puteri exco posts for the Nov 1 election was ready.

In another development yesterday, Noraini Ahmad won the Puteri deputy chief post uncontested.

Her challenger Shahaniza Shamsuddin who received 19 nominations for the post against Noraini's 133 decided not to contest.

"The grassroots have spoken. I am throwing my support behind Noraini as the number two. For the sake of unity within the Puteri, I have decided not to go for the post," the Pahang Puteri chief said.

Earlier this week, Azlina Mehtab Mohd Ishaq, who received 13 nominations, withdrew from contesting the deputy chief post.