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MAHATHIR HAS NOT THOUGHT ABOUT POSTPONING UMNO ELECTIONS

SHAH ALAM, May 19 (Bernama) -- Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today he has not thought about the proposal to postpone the Umno elections, scheduled for next year.

"I've not thought about it," he told reporters after opening the MIC general assembly at Bangunan Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah, here.

The prime minister said this when asked whether he agreed with the proposal by the three Umno presidents last week that the party elections be postponed in view of the general election which would be held within two years.

The Umno elections in 1999 were postponed to 2000 due to the general election which was held in November 1999.

On Keadilan president Datin Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail's statement that the Barisan Nasional had bright prospects to win the next general election because support for the opposition had dwindled, Dr Mahathir said Keadilan did not have the right objective.

"They are actually called Keadilan because they fight for one person only. The fight is for one person, eventually people will lose interest," he said.

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