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Pas takes exception to Dr M's statement

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - Pas has taken exception to the statements by Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday about its campaigning in the Pendang and Anak Bukit by-elections.

Party secretary-general Nasharudin Mat Isa said today some of Dr Mahathir's statements were seditious in nature and Pas was looking into this.

Nasharudin, who is also Yan Member of Parliament, said the party's election bureau will also discuss Dr Mahathir's statements when it convenes its meeting on Saturday to discuss the outcome of the July 18 Pendang and Anak Bukit by-elections.

Dr Mahathir had expressed Umno's concern over the use of violence and the strong arm tactics by Pas during elections. He had said this at a Press conference after chairing the Umno supreme council meeting yesterday.

Dr Mahathir also said Umno would submit to the Government its report, complete with dossier on the matter from people on how Pas resorted to violence and lies during the by-elections, in the hope that steps would be taken to stop actions which could lead to disturbances during elections.