

PM: Umno does not award logging areas to members

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. — Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said unlike Pas, Umno does not allocate logging areas to its members.

The Umno president said it was the Pas-led State Governments in Kelantan and Terengganu that awarded timber concessions to party members.

“The contracts have been awarded in areas in Terengganu and Lojing (Kelantan) where logging is not even allowed,” Dr Mahathir said after chairing the party’s supreme council meeting at Menara Dato’ Onn.

He was asked about Umno’s reported involvement in a multi-million logging concession deal in Pekan, Pahang, with a timber company.

Pahang Menteri Besar and State Umno liaison chief Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob today denied Pahang Umno’s involvement in the deal. He said the concession was awarded directly to Seruan Gemilang Makmur, which he claimed was later cheated by several individuals.