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Party unity still intact after Dr M

DATUK Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad can have peace of mind as the strong unity in Umno will remain intact after he hands over the reins to Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi. Party members have "pledged" there would be no serious contests in the party elections next year.

Negri Sembilan Umno liaison chief Tan Sri Mohd Isa Abdul Samad said they made the "pledge" after the three possible contenders for the deputy president's post - Datuk Seri Najib Razak, Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and Tan Sri Muhammad Muhammad Taib - had made public their aim not to contest the post.

"Even Tan Sri Musa Hitam and Tengku Tan Sri Razaleigh Hamzah had announced their decision not to contest," he said.