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Respect Dr M's decision to resign, Syed Hamid tells Umno, BN members

PORT DICKSON, Sun. - Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar said all quarters in Umno and Barisan Nasional should respect the decision by Prime Minister and Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to step down in October.

Syed Hamid, who is Foreign Minister, added that Dr Mahathir had repeatedly said he wanted to quit the two posts after the Organisation of the Islamic Conference summit in Kuala Lumpur.

"We should not burden our Prime Minister with all this but respect his decision. Our task now is to prepare for the coming general election."

Syed Hamid said this after opening Teluk Kemang Umno Wanita, Youth and Puteri Umno delegates' conference at Regency Hotel near here.

He was commenting on the resolution passed by Tawau Umno division, calling on Dr Mahathir to withdraw his decision to step down as Prime Minister and Umno president.

Division head Datuk Abdul Ghapur Salleh said Dr Mahathir's dynamic, pragmatic and visionary leadership was still needed in the wake of developments in the world.

Tawau Umno, he said, was of the opinion that Malaysia still needed his leadership and guidance.