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Support Abdullah's nominees, says Dr M

UMNO president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad reiterated his call to party members to support candidates chosen by his successor, Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, when he takes office.

He said those who aspired to be candidates but were not selected should not turn their backs on Umno.

Instead, they should continue to support the party and ensure Umno's victory in the general election.

Addressing about 1,000 guests at a dinner at the residence of National Economic Action Council executive director Datuk Mustapa Mohamed in Bukit Tunku, Dr Mahathir said Umno could never lose in any election if the members voted for the party and not individuals.

"I have said this many times and I am actually fed up with the issue because all we need to do is be united and vote for the party."

He also called on Umno Kelantan to be more bold in convincing the people to reject Pas for using Islam as a political tool without any regard for the sanctity of the religion.

Accompanying Dr Mahathir at the dinner was his wife Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali.