

**Umno told to put off party assembly**  
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Umno has been urged to postpone its annual general assembly slated for March 24 until after the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) completes its probe into the allegations of money politics in the party.

Speaking at a press conference in Petaling Jaya today, former Umno Youth exco Mazlan Haron and Umno Muar delegate Kadar Sulaiman said they are prepared to apply for a court injunction to stop the meeting if the leadership does not defer the meet.

However, the duo said they will wait for the leadership's reaction first before deciding on the legal action.

Mazlan and Kadar also disputed the statement made by Prime Minister and Umno president Abdullah Ahmad Badawi on Feb 25 that Umno will not launch an internal probe because MACC had closed its investigations on 45 reports.

"How can he (Abdullah) decide that all the reports and cases have been closed while Mazlan and myself as complainants were never called to give a statement," said Kadar.

He also said that there was "no positive feedback" from MACC regarding their report concerning the allegation of money politics and abuse of power against Abdullah and his deputy Najib Abdul Razak.

### **Transition of power**

Meanwhile, Mazlan said they have no intention of preventing a smooth transition of power from Abdullah to Najib, adding that "the transition can take place at any given time."

Asked if it is possible for Umno to postpone its AGM for a second time, he said the party can appeal to the Registrar of Societies.

Previously, Umno postponed its meeting and elections from last December to this month in order to expedite the transition of power.

Prior to this, the party's elections were postponed in view of the March 8 general election.

Mazlan said the duo are prepared to face the consequences of making this call. "I don't care if I am expelled. We are doing this because we love the party," he added.

Met after the press conference, Kadar said he will still attend the Umno AGM if their demand for a postponement went unheeded.