

Najib says Dr M has right to contest

PETALING JAYA: Former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has every right to contest as a delegate but he has to interpret the views of Umno leaders in offering himself as a divisional delegate to the party's general assembly in November.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk

Seri Najib Tun Razak said the party constitution allowed Dr Mahathir to contest but opinions among some Umno leaders differ.

He said Dr Mahathir's decision to contest could be misinterpreted.

I am not forcing or advising Dr Mahathir to contest or not to

contest. All I am saying is that He has the right to do so. Whether it is appropriate or correct to do it it is up to his interpretation."

Najib, who is also the party deputy president, told this to reporters after officiating the Kelana Jaya Umno division meeting yesterday.