

# Decision on address by Dr M after Sept 10

**KOTA KINABALU:** A decision on whether former umno president run Dt Mahathir Mohamad will speak as a delegate at the party's general assembly in November will be decided after Sept 10.

Kedah Umno liaison head Datuk Seri Mahdzir Khalid said yesterday the matter would be decided after all the Umno divisions in Kedah had held their meetings scheduled to end on Sept 10.

After that date, the Kedah Umno liaison committee would meet to determine the spokesman for the Kedah liaison body, Umno Youth, wanita and Puteri movements at the assembly.

Mahdzir, who is also the Kedah menteri besar, said this to reporters after opening the Sepanggar Umno

divisional delegates meeting here.

However, he said Mahathir must first win the election to choose seven delegates (G7) from the division to attend the assembly before the state liaison body could decide whether he would be a speaker.

"While Tun Dr Mahathir has the right to contest and offer to speak at the assembly in November, in terms of Umno practice I find it rather unusual because he is a former (Umno) president and former prime minister," Mahdzir said.

He said it was not normal practice for a former party president to contest for the seven slots for divisional delegates, since, because of his stature, Mahathir could be invited to the general assembly. -  
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