

'RM200 bribe claim an insult'

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PUTRAJAYA: It is an insult to Kubang Pasu division members to suggest that their honour could be bought with RM200.

In saying this, Umno supreme council member Datuk Seri Nazri Aziz pointed out that unless Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad lodged a report, his claim would remain a wild allegation.

"I don't think it's true. We should not underestimate the ability of the delegates to make their own decision. It is an insult to the Kubang Pasu delegates.

"Furthermore, anyone can make this kind of allegation. If he (Dr Mahathir) is just going to show and tell and not make a report, then it's just a wild allegation," Nazri said at a Press conference after giving prizes to the winners of a schoolchildren's public speaking competition on bribery yesterday. The contest was organised by the Anti-Corruption Agency.

Nazri added that such allegations could be made because Dr Mahathir knew he was going to lose.

"He should just accept that he has lost."

He also noted that if the former prime minister was correct about bribes given, then all of those whose names were on the "preferred list" would have won, and those whose names were not listed, such as Dr Mahathir's son Datuk Mukhriz Mahathir, would have lost.

In **Kulim**, Umno Wanita chief Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz said if Dr Mahathir loved Malaysia, he should help the cur-

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rent government attain Vision 2020.

"I would like to urge Tun once again to help bring Malaysia up to a new level in realising the agenda of the country, the Malays and our multi-racial community.

"If he keeps on doing this, then he is hampering the process in realising Vision 2020," she said after opening Infinon Technologies (Kulim) Sdn Bhd's new wafer facility at the Kulim Hi-Tech Park.

Asked to comment on Dr Mahathir's

claim that a preferred list and a bribe of RM200 were reasons for his defeat in the Umno Kubang Pasu election over the weekend, she said: "People have their reasons on why they won't vote for someone.

"It is up to Tun to bring this matter (of money politics) to the Umno authorities as he has recourse on this issue... so there is nothing else to say."

Rafidah said "the less he talks, the better" since Dr Mahathir may end up raising a lot of "unnecessary things".