

Dr M's allegation very serious: PM

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HELSINKI: Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi has described as "very serious" the allegation by Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad that bribery was one of the reasons for his failed bid to be elected as a Kubang Pasu Umno delegate.

The prime minister and Umno president said the Kubang Pasu Umno division might be queried and be asked to submit a report to the leadership on the conduct of last Saturday's election in which Mahathir lost in his bid to become one of the seven delegates from the division to the Umno general assembly in November.

"(Kedah Umno liaison chief) Datuk Seri Mahdzir Khalid and Kubang Pasu Umno head Datuk Mohd Johari Baharum should know better. I leave it to them," he told Malaysian journalists covering his attendance at the Sixth

Asia-Europe Meeting (Asem) which ended here on Monday.

Among others, Mahathir had alleged some delegates were given RM200 each in an envelope which also contained a piece of paper listing the ballot numbers of the favoured candidates.

Mahathir told a group of supporters who turned up at the Perdana Leadership Foundation in Putrajaya on Monday he accepted his defeat but added that he lost because people used money to win in the elections.

Bernama quoted Abdullah as saying he had told Mahdzir and Johari not to bring in outsiders to meddle in the Kubang Pasu Umno affairs.

"I still remember telling them not to bring in outsiders to 'disturb' the Umno members or the Kubang Pasu Umno division," he said.

"That's what I told them. I told Mahdzir and Johari not to bring in outsiders from other divisions. This is Kubang Pasu affairs, let the Kubang Pasu Umno members make their decision."

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