

PM: Those guilty face expulsion

BANGI: Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said any Umno member involved in the pepper spray incident on Friday faced expulsion from Umno and may be stripped of party posts.

The Prime Minister said that anyone guilty of the offence would face disciplinary action.

"That is an offence and if he is an Umno member, then he will be stripped of party posts and removed from the party," said Abdullah, who is also Umno president.

He said this after delivering a speech at the Kelab Penyayang 2006 summit organised by the Yayasan Budi Penyayang here today.

A 53-year-old businessman was arrested on Friday night over the incident.

Abdullah also said the Padang Besar division in Perlis may have breached party rules if it invited Dr Mahathir to officiate at its divisional meeting on Aug 26.

Only supreme council members, menteri besar, Cabinet ministers from Umno and divisional heads are allowed to officiate at divisional meetings in a non-election year.

"(Umno secretary-general) Datuk Seri Radzi Sheikh Ahmad has already explained this. If that is the decision, how could we grant exceptions to one division?"