

# Party slams pepper spray incident

LUMUT: Umno has condemned the pepper spray incident involving former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad in Kelantan on Friday.

Umno information chief Tan Sri Muhammad Muhammad Taib said the despicable act was regrettable and Umno was concerned that certain groups would try to take advantage of the situation.

"We condemn the uncalled-for

act," he said after opening the Perak Umno Youth Entrepreneurship seminar in Teluk Batik.

Umno Youth deputy chief Khairy Jamaluddin said the movement was saddened that the incident had occurred.

"Such an incident is unacceptable because it involved a former prime minister and Umno president," he said after the seminar.

In Kota Baru, Kelantan Umno li-

aison chairman Datuk Seri Annuar Musa said the State Umno regretted the incident.

"It shows how certain groups are exploiting Tun to the extent that his safety is compromised."

Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat also condemned the incident which he described as "embarrassing".

"The incident has brought shame to Kelantan," he said.—Bernama