

Mat Taib: Umno will back Pak Lah

KUALA LUMPUR: Umno will support Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi as party president and Prime Minister for the sake of continuity, party information chief Tan Sri Muhammad Muhammad Taib said.

He said this was to ensure that major projects and Vision 2020 would not be hampered.

"Criticism is one thing that we must accept but Umno must have strong support from its members. If the party is weak, stability and progress will be affected," he told reporters after a meeting with 200 Umno members here yesterday.

The meeting was also attended by supreme council members Datuk Seri Dr Rais Yatim and Datuk Mohd Shafie Apdal.

Asked if Umno would call Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad to explain his side on several issues, Muhammad said there was no decision on this yet.

The issues referred to the scrapping of the scenic bridge project, sale of Agusta, sale of sand and use of airspace by the Singapore Air Force.