

# Mahathir won't vie to be delegate

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**PUTRAJAYA:** Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has confirmed that he will not contest to be a delegate in the Umno general assembly despite getting three nominations from the Kubang Pasu division.

He said being nominated did not mean he could win and be a delegate.

Last year, Dr Mahathir received 15 nominations from a total of 138 branches to contest for the post.

However, he lost in his bid, coming in ninth out of the 15 aspirants who vied for the seven seats. An aspirant has to secure two nominations to be a divisional delegate.

Speaking to reporters after a meeting with Somali Land vice-president Ahmed Yusof Yasin at the Perdana Leadership Foundation here yesterday, he said there was an atmosphere of fear now and that many people were "staying away" from him.

Dr Mahathir said he would attend this year's Langkawi International Dialogue but would not presenting any working paper.

He also expressed disappointment over the Putrajaya monorail project that had been postponed indefinitely.