

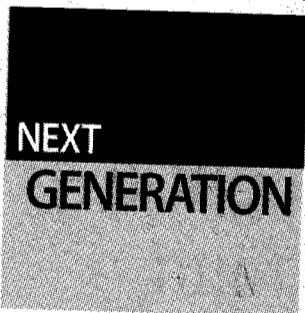
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Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad responding to questions during a press conference yesterday.

# Dr M backs Mukhriz but won't campaign

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said yesterday that he gave his son his blessings to contest in the general election but would not campaign for him.

Datuk Mukhriz Mahathir has been nominated as the Barisan Nasional candidate for the Jerlun parliamentary seat in Kedah.

"My advice to him is to be serious and work hard," Dr Mahathir said after launching the National Educational Guide for Youth Seminar 2008 at the International Islamic University in Gombak.

"If the people want to choose him, then they will choose him. I have no say on his nomination. It is up to the party leadership to decide," he said, adding that the BN would win the general election.

"I am not sure if the BN will win with a big or small majority. But win, that's for sure."



Datuk Mukhriz Mahathir

He said pre-election tussles in Umno were a regular occurrence. "The main thing is how to resolve them," he said.

On the seminar, Dr Mahathir, who is Malaysian Islamic Welfare Organisation (Perkim) president, called on teachers and parents to groom their children with good traits.

"Just providing a good education is not enough. The youths may have good religious attributes but lack other human values like discipline to become well-rounded personalities.

"We have only ourselves to blame if they become delinquent and get involved in activities like drug abuse and Mat Rempit."