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# Calls for Pak Lah and Mahathir to meet again

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Calls have emerged for Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and his predecessor Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad to meet again and patch up their differences.

Cheras Umno division chief Datuk Syed Ali Al Habshee suggested yesterday that Abdullah lead an Umno Supreme Council delegation and meet Dr Mahathir soon to resolve their spat, Bernama reported.

He said it was pointless to go on accusing each other in the media as this would only provide fodder for the party's enemies.

"I believe Tun Dr Mahathir has no intention of destroying Umno when he hurled criticisms at the party leadership as they were meant to rectify weaknesses in the party," he said.

Umno veteran Tan Sri Abdul Aziz Tapa said in Malacca that the council of former elected

representatives, Mubarak, should help in the mediation effort.

Abdullah and Dr Mahathir met privately on Oct 22, 2006, following a similar spat.

After Barisan Nasional lost its two-thirds majority as well as Penang, Kedah, Perak and Selangor to the Opposition while failing to recapture Kelantan in the recent polls, Dr Mahathir resumed his criticisms of Abdullah and even called for his resignation.

Last Sunday, Abdullah replied to all the criticisms by Dr Mahathir as well as Gua Musang MP Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah who had called for an extraordinary general meeting to discuss the outcome of the general election.

In Kota Baru, Kelantan Umno called on veteran leaders to mend the party instead of allowing the current impasse to lead to a full-blown dispute. — Bernama