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Dr M willing to cooperate to revitalise Umno

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KUALA LUMPUR: Former prime + minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said he is willing to cooperate with the present leadership to revitalise Umno before the next general election.

"We have another 2 1/2 years until the next general election. If we work hard, we can rejuvenate Umno and other Barisan Nasional parties from the Chinese and Indian communities.

"We must work together so Umno can be rejuvenated," he said at the "A Statesman Speaks On Current Issues" programme here yesterday.

Dr Mahamir Wid after he resigned in 2003, BN had won 90 per cent of the seats it contested in the 2004 general election.

"But four years later, we lost five states (Kelantan, Penang, Selangor, Perak and Kedah) and one federal territory. So, to restore our strength, we need the help of experienced people."

He added that the Umno leadership should work towards consolidating strength and expertise.

When asked if he intended to return to the political arena, Dr Mahathir said his time was over.

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