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Dr M told not to interfere in Umno affairs

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BATU PAHAT: Umno does not want former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad to interfere with the running of the party following his decision to voluntarily leave the organisation.

Its information chief Tan Sri Annuar Musa said Dr Mahathir's call for party branch members to table a vote of no confidence in Datuk Seri Najib Razak as party president and prime minister was inappropriate.

"We want to ask Tun (Dr Mahathir) to stop interfering in party affairs after the 'divorce'.

"It is no longer appropriate for him to be involved in Umno matters after exiting the party. I can understand his anger and that his heart is still with Umno, so we should forgive Tun," Annuar said here yesterday.

Dr Mahathir yesterday issued an open letter asking Umno members to table a no confidence vote against Najib as party president and prime minister in the Umno division meetings. He also called for party polls to be held this year.

He also called on those who still held true to the party's original struggle to help him oust Najib.

Dr Mahathir said this in the letter, which was published on his blog.

Annuar said he believed Umno would remain strong following Dr Mahathir's decision to work with the opposition.