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Umno leader singles out Dr M's 'weaknesses' in policies

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PORT DICKSON: Several leaders at the Umno divisional meetings yesterday berated former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad over his past policies and attempts to disrepute Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

In his speech to open the Teluk Kemang Umno wings' divisional meeting here yesterday, Umno Youth vice-chief Khairul Azwan Harun said he had evidence that Dr Mahathir mooted a conspiracy with three prominent figures to topple Najib as prime minister.

Khairul claimed that Dr Mahathir had roped in former Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission chief commissioner Tan Sri Abu Kassim Mohamed, former Bank Negara Malaysia governor Tan Sri Dr Zeti Akhtar Aziz and former attorney-general Tan Sri Abdul Gani Patail.

Khairul said he managed to "thwart" Dr Mahathir's plan after lodging a police report on July 26.

"On that day, the trio were scheduled for a special media conference where they would substantiate claims made by the United States

Department of Justice.

"A video recording of the conference was to be sent to Dr Mahathir, who was in Jakarta. There, Dr Mahathir would hold another media conference, where he planned to reveal the clip."

In **Alor Gajah**, Umno Supreme Council member Datuk Abdul Rahman Dahlan said Dr Mahathir's "weaknesses" in formulating policies saw wastage of the country's coffers.

"We are affected by the weaknesses of his policies till this day. For

example, the government spent billions of ringgit to bail out Malaysia Airlines Bhd when the money could have been better spent on tourism, education and road works."

In **Kota Kinabalu**, Umno Liaison Committee chairman Datuk Seri Musa Aman said party members must remain close to the people.

"The party will earn the people's trust and respect if we go to the ground before, during and after the general election.

By doing so, the people will know which party benefits them and their

future generations," Musa said when opening the Umno Putatan division delegates' meeting.

At the Sepanggar Umno divisional meeting, Supreme Council member Datuk Seri Idris Haron urged members to stay united and give their utmost support to Musa.

"At the same time, I share his (Musa's) stance that all party members must place unity as it is the key ingredient in ensuring Sepanggar Umno and Sabah Umno remain as the people's choice in the next general election."