

Shahrir: Let Dr M speak at assembly

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KUALA LUMPUR: NO ONE should prejudge what Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad will touch on if he is allowed to speak at the party general assembly in November, says Umno supreme council member Datuk Shahrir Abdul Samad.

"Let him proceed with his intentions. Whether people say that he is demeaning himself when he gives his speech as a delegate is a matter of personal judgement," he told reporters at the Parliament House yesterday.

However, in Jitra, 32 Umno branches in the Kubang Pasu division urged the former Prime Minister to reconsider his decision.

The branches in the Temin/Laka Zone decided on this at a special meeting in Changlun on Sunday.

Temin Zone Umno secretary Mohd Yusof Jamaludin said Dr Mahathir should not contest the post of divisional delegate.

"We do not want him to contest just for the sake of wanting to speak at the assembly," he told a press conference yesterday.