

'Criticism unacceptable'

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KUALA LUMPUR: Umno Youth head Datuk Hishammuddin Tun Hussein yesterday said Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad's criticism of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and his administration was "personal" and "unacceptable".

"All decisions of the Government had been made sincerely.

"The criticism was not proper and disappointed us," he said after the Umno Youth Exco meeting here.

Hishammuddin said Dr Mahathir's criticism was not the opinion of an ordinary person and would have an impact on the Government,



Hishammuddin says the criticism is not proper

the party and the people's perception.

Hishammuddin said the former prime minister had a

right to criticise but not to the extent of being personal about the leadership and (adversely) affecting the party.

Hishammuddin also reminded members of the youth movement not to place their interest before that of the party.

Separately, in Kota Baru, Umno information chief Tan Sri Muhammad Muhammad said the party would hold briefings to explain to members and others the present political situation.

He said the briefings would make clear that there was no enmity between the two leaders.

"If they are enemies, surely

the Prime Minister would have responded to the criticisms by Tun (Dr Mahathir) but this has not happened and that is proof their relationship is very good," he said after opening a community leadership course yesterday.

Muhammad said Umno might call all state leaders for a meeting in the federal capital to explain the situation so that they could brief members in their respective states.

Umno members should understand that all decisions of the Prime Minister on major issues were made collectively by the Cabinet and not by him personally, he said. — Bernama