

PM and Dr M to meet today

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ALOR STAR: The meeting between Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and his predecessor Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad will be held at 3pm today.

The meeting will take place at an undisclosed location in Putrajaya, according to sources.

It is learnt that the meeting was initiated by Umno veteran Tan Sri Azahari Taib.

It is understood that Azahari had met both parties and convinced them they should meet up to settle their differences for the sake of Umno.

Abdullah has also accommodated Dr Mahathir's wish for a two-day notice prior to the meeting.

Dr Mahathir had said he would tell Abdullah whatever he felt deep in his heart, as advised by the Mubarak, an

association of former elected representatives.

"I have actually said (in public) whatever I need to say. I will repeat them when I meet Pak Lah in person," Dr Mahathir said in Langkawi on Tuesday.

Dr Mahathir also said he would accept the invitation to attend the Umno general assembly next month.

Asked about the meeting yesterday at Works Minister Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu's Deepavali open house, Abdullah declined comment.

Meanwhile, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Nazri Aziz said people should not speculate too much on the Abdullah-Dr Mahathir meeting.

He said the meeting was a private matter and some things should be kept secret. He asked the media to respect the privacy of the meeting.