

# Dr M: I'll accept any decision on posts

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**LANGKAWI:** Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said he would accept whatever decision made by the government regarding his status as adviser to several government agencies, and by the Umno supreme council on his party membership.

According to a Bernama report, he said he would accept it if the government wanted to terminate his posts as adviser to Proton and the Langkawi Development Authority (Lada), among others.

"I will also abide (by the decision) if the Umno supreme council wants to suspend my party membership," he told reporters after visiting several development projects here yesterday.

Mahathir said he had heard about Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Mahdzir Khalid's suggestion that his advisory services be terminated and also Kedah Umno Youth's proposal that his Umno membership be suspended.

"I will not object. I will abide because all this is their right as the government and party," he said.

Asked whether the proposals were an effort to sideline him, Mahathir repeated that it was their right.

He said he realised that he was losing popularity and as such, anything could be done to him.

"I'm supposed to attend a function organised by Perkida in Johor today (Wednesday) and a

function organised by a non-governmental organisation in Baling on Friday," Mahathir, who was accompanied by his wife Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, said.

"But both functions have been cancelled and that shows that I'm becoming more unpopular."

Asked whether he would attend the Umno general assembly in the middle of this month, he said he was "still thinking" about it.

He said he was also "seriously considering" the Kubang Pasu Umno division's suggestion that he should not be too critical of the government and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

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