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'Party will decide' on Dr M's return

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PUTRAJAYA: Umno president Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said the party had not discussed the possibility of Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad returning to Umno.

"My view alone is insufficient. This is a matter for the party to decide," he said after chairing the 20th MSC Malaysia Implementation Council Meeting here yesterday.

There was talk about Dr Mahathir's returning to Umno following a meeting between him, Umno vice-president Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah in Cyberjaya on Saturday. It was said Dr Mahathir had voiced his intention to rejoin the party, which he left in May.

Datuk Seri Rais Yatim said Dr Mahathir still had an important role in the party.

Perak BN and Umno liaison chief Datuk Seri Mohd Tajol Rosli Ghazali said although the Umno supreme council had yet to accept Dr Mahathir, the move would strengthen Umno and Barisan Nasional.