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KUALA LUMPUR, SEPT 26 (BERNAMA) -- THE UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL TODAY SET UP A FIVE-MEMBER COMMITTEE TO SEEK WAYS TO RESOLVE THE FILING OF A SUIT BY 12 PARTY MEMBERS TO DECLARE THE UMNO GENERAL ASSEMBLY HELD IN APRIL NULL AND VOID.

THE COMMITTEE COMPRISES VICE-PRESIDENT DATUK ABDULLAH AHMAD BADAWI, SECRETARY-GENERAL DATUK SERI SANUSI JUNID AND THREE OTHER SUPREME COUNCIL MEMBERS -- DATUK NAPSIAH OMAR, DATUK ABDUL KADIR SHEIKH FADZIR AND SENATOR HAJI HUSSEIN AHMAD.

PRIME MINISTER AND UMNO PRESIDENT DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TOLD THIS TO REPORTERS AFTER CHAIRING A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL WHICH LASTED FOR ABOUT FIVE HOURS AT THE UMNO HEADQUARTERS HERE.

HE SAID THE SETTING UP OF THE COMMITTEE HAD THE UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE COUNCIL DID NOT SPECIFY ANY TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE COMMITTEE.

+ITS AREA OF JURISDICTION IS WIDE AND WE HAVE NOT GIVEN ANY GUIDELINES TO THE MEMBERS. WE HAVE GIVEN THEM LIBERTY TO RESOLVE THE MATTER,+ HE ADDED. -- MORE
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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR DECLINED TO ELABORATE ON THE FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE BUT SAID THAT IT WOULD, AMONG OTHER THINGS, HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH THE 12 PARTY MEMBERS INVOLVED.

IN JUNE, THE 12 HAD SOUGHT A COURT ORDER FOR A FRESH GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ELECTION OF PARTY OFFICIALS.

APART FROM ASKING THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BE DECLARED NULL AND VOID, THE PLAINTIFFS ARE ALSO SEEKING TO DECLARE SEVEN DIVISIONAL DELEGATES MEETINGS FOR ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL UNCONSTITUTIONAL AND ULTRA VIRES THE PARTY CONSTITUTION.

THE DIVISIONS ARE TANJUNG, JELUTONG, NIBONG TEBAL (IN PULAU PINANG), PASIR PUTIH, MACHANG, RANTAU PANJANG (KELANTAN) AND PEKAN (PAHANG). -- MORE
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IN FILING THE DEFENCE ON SEPT 2, DATUK SERI SANUSI AND FIVE OTHER DEFENDANTS REBUTTED THE PLAINTIFFS' CLAIMS AND MAINTAINED THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WAS VALID AND HELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO TOLD REPORTERS THAT THE SUPREME COUNCIL HAD APPROVED THE SETTING UP OF A NEW BRANCH IN KAMPUNG MASJID LAMA, KEDAH, AND ACCEPTED EIGHT NEW MEMBERS WHO WERE EX-MEMBERS OF PAS, BERJASA, SOCIALIST DEMOCRATIC PARTY (SDP) AND THE PEOPLE'S PROGRESSIVE PARTY (PPP).

HE SAID THE COUNCIL REJECTED THE APPLICATION TO SET UP A BRANCH IN KAMPUNG TELUK WANG, PENDANG, KEDAH, AND SUSPENDED THE PANDAN JAYA BRANCH IN THE AMPANG JAYA DIVISION, SELANGOR.

ASKED WHETHER ANYONE HAD BEEN APPOINTED TO THE POST OF UMNO EXECUTIVE SECRETARY VACATED BY ENCIK NASRUDDIN ALANG SAIDIN, HE SAID THE MATTER WAS NOT DISCUSSED AT TODAY'S MEETING.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID SEVERAL SUPREME COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO HAD BEEN APPOINTED BUT HAD BEEN ABSENT UNTIL TODAY'S MEETING TOOK THEIR OATH OF OFFICE. THEY INCLUDED INFORMATION MINISTER DATUK MOHAMAD RAHMAT, PERAK MENTERI BESAR DATUK SERI RAMLI NGAH TALIB, PUBLIC ENTERPRISES MINISTER DATUK NAPSIAH OMAR AND DATUK SHAHRIR SAMAD. -- MORE

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THE SUPREME COUNCIL ALSO ACCEPTED A SUGGESTION BY ACTING UMNO YOUTH HEAD DATUK SERI NAJIB TUN RAZAK THAT THE REGULATION THAT ONLY THOSE AGED 30 AND ABOVE BE APPOINTED TO THE UMNO YOUTH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL BE WITHDRAWN.

HOWEVER, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THAT IN SPIRIT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE THAT THOSE APPOINTED TO THE YOUTH COUNCIL WERE ABOVE 30.

ON HIS VISITS TO THE STATES, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID HE HAD BEEN WELL RECEIVED BY PARTY MEMBERS AND THAT THERE HAD BEEN SUGGESTIONS THAT HE VISIT ALL THE STATES TO HELP PROMOTE GREATER UNITY IN UMNO.

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