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KUALA LUMPUR, JULY 6⁸⁸ (BERNAMA) -- THE UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL TONIGHT DECIDED THAT THE UMNO GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL BE HELD FOR THREE DAYS FROM OCT 28 WITH THE MAIN ITEM ON THE AGENDA BEING THE PARTY CONSTITUTION.

UMNO PRESIDENT DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID THE PARTY CONSTITUTION HAD TO BE DISCUSSED BEFORE BEING APPROVED TO ENABLE DIVISIONAL AND BRANCH ELECTIONS TO BE HELD.

+WE CANNOT HOLD THE ELECTIONS BEFORE WE APPROVE THE CONSTITUTION. WE NEED TO HAVE THE CONSTITUTION APPROVED FIRST TO ENABLE DIVISIONAL AND BRANCH ELECTIONS TO TAKE PLACE,+ HE STRESSED.

HE SAID THE PARTY GENERAL ASSEMBLY WOULD BE ATTENDED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO HAD BEEN APPOINTED FOR THE 133 DIVISIONS IN THE COUNTRY. ELEVEN MEMBERS ARE APPOINTED TO EACH DIVISIONAL COMMITTEE.

HE WAS SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER CHAIRING THE COUNCIL MEETING AT THE PUTRA WORLD TRADE CENTRE HERE LASTING ABOUT THREE HOURS FROM 8PM. -- MORE

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THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE YOUTH AND WANITA WINGS WOULD HAVE A MEETING TO HEAR THE ADDRESS OF THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT, A DAY BEFORE THE START OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

ON THE PARTY CONSTITUTION, HE SAID THE SUPREME COUNCIL HAD UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED THE AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION WHICH WOULD BE PRINTED FOR DISTRIBUTION EARLY SEPTEMBER.

TWO MEETINGS WERE HELD TONIGHT, A SPECIAL MEETING TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENTS AND ANOTHER TO APPROVE THE PROCEDURES FOR DIVISIONAL AND BRANCH CONFERENCES.

HE SAID THE SUPREME COUNCIL ALSO APPROVED THE REGISTRATION OF 566,865 MEMBERS WHOSE APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED TO DATE AS WELL AS 8,668 BRANCHES, AND RECOGNISED UMNO CLUBS OVERSEAS.

IT ENDORSED THE ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS OF 13 DIVISIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS. -- MORE

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THE SUPREME COUNCIL ALSO RATIFIED THE APPOINTMENTS OF THE YOUTH AND WANITA CHIEFS, HE SAID, AND ADDED THAT ANY MEMBER WHO HAD A GROUSE, SUCH AS NOT BEING ABLE TO GET MEMBERSHIP FORMS, SHOULD APPEAL TO THE PARTY'S STATE LIAISON COMMITTEES BEFORE THE HOLDING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

THE COUNCIL ALSO EXPRESSED ITS FULL SUPPORT TO DATUK DR SERI MAHATHIR REGARDING THE ACTION TAKEN AGAINST LORD PRESIDENT TUN SALLEH ABAS WHO HAS BEEN SUSPENDED FROM OFFICE.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR HAD BRIEFED IT ON CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS AND THE EVENTS LEADING TO THE SUSPENSION OF FIVE SUPREME COURT JUDGES TODAY.

THE FIVE ARE TAN SRI WAN SULEIMAN PAWAN TEH, DATUK GEORGE SEAH, TAN SRI AZMI KAMARUDDIN, TAN SRI EUSOFFE ABDOLCADER AND TAN SRI WAN HAMZAH SALLEH.

THE YANG DI-PERTUAN AGONG HAS SUSPENDED THEM FROM OFFICE AFTER THEY HAD SAT AS THE SUPREME COURT LAST SATURDAY TO RESTRAIN THE TRIBUNAL INVESTIGATING CHARGES AGAINST TUN SALLEH FROM SUBMITTING ITS REPORT TO HIS MAJESTY.

THE FIVE ARE FACING BETWEEN TWO AND FOUR CHARGES INCLUDING THE CHARGE THAT THEY HAD DELIBERATELY ATTENDED A SITTING OF THE SUPREME COURT DESPITE KNOWING THE SITTING WAS CONVENED WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OR THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE ACTING LORD PRESIDENT, IN CONTRAVENTION OF THE LAW. -- BERNAMA

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