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KUALA LUMPUR, OCT 23 (BERNAMA) -- THE UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL HAS FIXED FOUR DAYS BEGINNING NOV 29 FOR THE PARTY'S GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD, WHO CHAIRED THE SUPREME COUNCIL'S MEETING TODAY, SAID THE FIRST DAY HAD BEEN ALLOCATED TO UMNO YOUTH AND WANITA UMNO TO HOLD THEIR RESPECTIVE DELEGATES CONFERENCES.

IN THIS CONNECTION, EVERY UMNO DIVISIONS SHOULD HOLD THEIR RESPECTIVE GENERAL MEETINGS BEFORE NOV 20, HE TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE AT UMNO HEADQUARTERS, MENARA DATUK ONN, PUTRA WORLD TRADE CENTRE (PWTC) HERE.

THE POSTS OF UMNO PRESIDENT AND DEPUTY PRESIDENT ARE EXPECTED NOT TO BE CONTESTED AT THE COMING GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE SAKE OF UNITY WITHIN THE PARTY.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO ALSO BARISAN NASIONAL (BN) CHAIRMAN, SAID TODAY'S MEETING ALSO AGREED THAT HE CONTINUED TO HOLD THE PRIME MINISTER'S POST. -- MORE.

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THIS DECISION WAS IN LINE WITH THE NORMAL PRACTICE THAT THE POST OF PRIME MINISTER WENT TO LEADER OF A PARTY WITH THE MOST NUMBER OF SEATS, HE SAID.

+THE SUPREME COUNCIL AGREED THAT I HAVE RECEIVED THE CONFIDENCE OF THE MAJORITY OF ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES. SO, I WILL FORM THE GOVERNMENT AND BE THE PRIME MINISTER,+ HE SAID.

ON THE POST OF MENTERI BESAR OR CHIEF MINISTER IN VARIOUS STATES, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE MEETING AGREED AS A GENERAL RULE TO SUPPORT CANDIDACY OF UMNO LIAISON CHIEF WHO WON IN THE GENERAL ELECTION.

ON THE APPOINTMENT OF PULAU PINANG CHIEF MINISTER TO SUCCEED DR LIM CHONG EU, HE SAID UMNO LIAISON CHIEF FOR THE STATE ENCIK ANWAR IBRAHIM BRIEFED THE MEETING ON THE MATTER. +WE WILL DISCUSS IT WITH GERAKAN,+ HE ADDED.

DR LIM LOST TO DAP SECRETARY-GENERAL ENCIK LIM KIT SIANG IN HIS BID TO DEFEND THE PADANG KOTA SEAT IN THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED GENERAL ELECTION.

ASKED ON THE CABINET MINISTER POST FOR KELANTAN, THE UMNO PRESIDENT SAID IT WAS NOT DISCUSSED AT TODAY'S MEETING.

-- BERNAMA.
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