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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 29 (Bernama) -- The Umno Supreme Council tonight decided to reappoint Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak as Umno Youth head and Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz as Wanita Umno head.

It also resolved to reappoint Datuk Napsiah Omar as Wanita Umno Vice-head.

The Supreme Council also appointed the Chairman of the Umno Youth International Bureau Nazri Aziz Yeop as Umno Youth Vice-head to succeed Haji Hashim Safin.

Announcing the appointments after chairing a meeting of the Umno Supreme Council at the party headquarters here, Umno President Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the appointments would remain effective until the party polls in three years from now.

On the proposal that the heads of Umno Youth and Wanita Umno be elected, the Prime Minister said this was up to the new Umno Supreme Council to discuss after the party general assembly.

Tonight's meeting of the Supreme Council did not discuss the matter, he added.-- more

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Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir confirmed that a total of 1,519 delegates would attend the party's general assembly tomorrow. The Pasir Mas Division alone would only send observers.

He said the results of tomorrow's election to the vice-presidents' posts and to seats in the Umno Supreme Council were expected to be known by 3am on Saturday.

He said the delegates would begin debating the president's policy address on Saturday and this would be followed by the debate on the resolution pertaining to constitutional monarchy, religion, education and the economy.

The Ministers would reply to the points raised on Sunday before the President winds up the debate.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir, who is also Barisan Nasional (BN) Chairman, said Umno would open a secretariat in Sabah to help BN candidates in the by-election for the Sulabayan state seat (Dec 8) and for the Sipitang state seat (Dec 7 and 8). -- more

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He said the secretariat would be headed by Umno Information Chief Datuk Hussein Ahmad and would have about 30 members including members of the Umno Supreme Council.

Umno Deputy President Encik Ghafar Baba would be in Sabah from Dec 4 to 7 to help the BN campaign.

+We want to explain the BN aspiration to represent the Sabah people just like the BN represented the people in Sarawak and Peninsular Malaysia. Our intention is to help the people in Sabah and to help develop Sabah.+

+If we win, we will strive to fulfill our pledges,+ Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said.

On the resolution on constitutional monarchy, he said Umno did not intend to change the present system of constitutional monarchy and parliamentary democracy.

He said: +We will not violate any laws but the laws do not prevent us from criticising anything not in line with the constitution or the laws. -- more

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+If there are any actions or incidents which violate the laws or the spirit of constitutional monarchy and parliamentary constituency, then Umno has the right to criticise.+

+Not with the intention of toppling the Rulers or abolishing the system of monarchy but because of the wish to retain the system of constitutional monarchy and parliamentary democracy.+

Meanwhile Encik Nazri has thanked Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir and Datuk Seri Najib for their confidence in him.

He said his appointment as Vice-head of Umno Youth proved that the party leadership recognised the contributions of members who had served the party with loyalty.

Encik Nazri, 36, said he would strive to shoulder the responsibility well after having been an executive committee member of Umno Youth for 12 years.

He also said that he would vie for a seat in the Umno Supreme Council tomorrow. -- Bernama

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