

# Umno may explain 871072 12 DEC 1980 resolution to Rulers

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KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. — The Umno supreme council is considering sending representatives to meet the Rulers to explain the party's resolution on the constitutional monarchy.

Party president Qatuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said tonight that the party leadership was looking into this possibility.

"The deputy president, myself or other supreme council members may meet the Rulers . . . it has not been decided," he told newsmen after chairing a three-hour supreme council meeting.

Dr Mahathir said that as supreme council members, they were responsible for whatever actions taken at last month's Umno general assembly.

He said the council felt that certain quarters were still not clear on the meaning of the resolution and the council had discussed how it could fully explain the resolution.

Asked how the supreme council intended to present its views to the Rulers, Dr Mahathir said the general assembly had decided that a special committee be formed to study and review the relationship of the Rulers and the party.

He said the committee had been formed and was headed by Encik Abdul Ghafar Baba, who would choose the committee members and decide how it should carry out its task.

Dr Mahathir also announced the appointment of six council members in addition to the 25 elected ones.

They are Terengganu Mentri Besar Tan Sri Haji Wan Mokhtar Ahmad, Johor Mentri Besar Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, Malacca Mentri Besar Tan Sri Abdul Rahim Thamby Chik, former Kuala Terengganu MP Zuber Embong, Encik Hassan Harun from Kelantan and former Kelantan Executive Councillor Shahibuddin Mohamed Nor.

Tan Sri Wan Mokhtar, Tan Sri Muhyiddin and Tan Sri Rahim had vied for the three vice-president posts but lost.

Dr Mahathir said that Information Minister Datuk Mohamed Rahmat had been retained as secretary-general, Finance Minister Datuk Paduka Daim Zainuddin as treasurer and Datuk Haji Hussein Ahmad as information chief.

"All the state liaison committee chairmen have been retained with the exception of Kelantan."

Encik Ghafar, he said, would head the disciplinary committee as well as the supreme council management committee.

The council also discussed the Sula-bayan and Sipitang by-elections.