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KUALA LUMPUR, July 27 (Bernama) -- The Umno general assembly will be held from 7 to 10 Nov, party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

The Youth and Wanita assemblies would be held on Nov 7, preceding the three-day general assembly, he said after the Umno Supreme Council meeting at the party headquarters in the Putra World Trade Centre here.

The meeting also agreed to the appointment of Tun Datu Mustapha Datu Marican, who is the party's deputy liaison chief for Sabah, as a Supreme Council member and Encik Railey Jeffrey as Sabah Umno Youth leader.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said though Encik Railey was past the age to be Umno youth, he was given special permission to hold the post because it is in its pro tem stage.

Encik Railey, the Deputy Information Minister, is the former Umno Youth leader before Umno spread its wings to Sabah early this year. -- more

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Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir also announced the appointment of three other state Umno liaison deputy chiefs. They are Perak State Legislative Assembly speaker Datuk Arshad Abdullah (Perak); Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Syed Hamid Albar (Federal Territory) and state executive council member Datuk Abdullah Ismail (Kedah).

The leaders and deputy liaison chiefs of the other states had been announced earlier.

The Supreme Council also accepted the application for membership by the former Kedah Semangat 46 leader, Datuk Zainol Abidin Johari; former Parti Bersatu Sabah Vice-President Datuk Salleh Tun Said Keruak and two Kelantan state assemblymen, Wan Najib Wan Mohamed (timbongan), and Haji Nordin Salleh (Sungai Pinang).

+They are from parties outside Umno and as such the council had to decide on their applications, the Prime Minister said.

He said the party's membership now stood at 1,612,612. -- more

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In reply to a question, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said the meeting also discussed the position of Wan Najib and Haji Nordin but did not make any decision because their cases were still pending in court.

Asked if Wan Najib and Haji Nordin would be selected to contest in the by-elections for their seats, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said: +We will cross the river when we come to it...we have not reached the river.+

News reports yesterday said the Election Commission would be meeting on Monday following the Kuala Lumpur High Court's decision on Thursday to set aside an injunction to prevent it from holding the by-elections in the two constituencies. -- Bernama