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NEXT YEAR'S UMNO DIVISIONAL ELECTIONS POSTPONED TO 1993

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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 12, (Bernama) -- All Umno divisional elections, except in Sabah, scheduled for next year have been postponed to 1993, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

He said the Umno Supreme Council, which met today, decided on this to prevent any long-drawn politicking until the Supreme Council elections in 1993.

Speaking to reporters after chairing the meeting here, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said that if the divisional elections were held separately from those for the Supreme Council it was feared that there would be too much campaigning.

Branch level elections for the party were held last year.

The decision to hold divisional and supreme council elections in the same year was also to strengthen Umno and prevent members from pursuing individual gains and neglecting party interests, he added. -- more

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On the election of the Wanita Umno and Youth heads, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir, who is Umno president, said the party constitution would be amended at next month's general assembly to provide for this.

At present there is no election for the two posts.

However, elections for the two posts would only be held a year after the amendments, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said.

He also said party deputy president Ghafar Baba would succeed former deputy president Datuk Musa Hitam as one of four trustees of Umno's assets.

Umno secretary-general Datuk Mohamed Rahmat would succeed former secretary-general Datuk Seri Sanusi Junid as trustee. The other two trustees are Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir and party treasurer Tun Daim Zainuddin.

The new appointments would also enable Umno to secure new assets and claim its old ones, he added. -- more

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Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir also said that next month's general assembly would debate only two motions, unlike previous assemblies.

This was to enable more than one member of a delegation from every state to take part in the debate.

One of the motions would be to thank the party president for his policy address and the other would be on the economy.

Points relating to education and Islam could be included in the motion of thanks to the party president, he added.

The motion on the economy would centre on the Vision 2020.

The motion of thanks would be moved by Umno Youth while the one on the economy would be tabled by Wanita Umno. -- more

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On his policy address, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said it would touch on various topics including the previous assemblies.

The Supreme Council, which met for about two-and-a-half-hours, also accepted applications from four Parti Semangat 46 members to rejoin Umno.

They are Selangor Semangat 46 Liaison Committee member Datuk Mohamad Shair Abdul Majid, deputy head of the Merbok Semangat 46 Division Mohamad Johari Abidin, Selayang Semangat 46 member Ali Ampiran and Kelantan Semangat 46 member Wan Mohamad Wan Bakar.

The Prime Minister also announced that the government would organise the Third Bumiputera Economic Congress in collaboration with the Malay Chamber of Commerce and Industry in December. -- Bernama

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