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STATE GOVERNMENTS TO IMPLEMENT CONGRESS RESOLUTIONS

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KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 8 (Bernama) -- State Governments will strive to implement all the resolutions passed by the Third Economic Congress which ended here yesterday, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

He said Menteri Besar and the Melaka Chief Minister who attended the Umno Supreme Council meeting here today pledged to implement the resolutions.

The Federal Government, would also try to identify types of business which Bumiputeras could participate in, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir, who is also Umno President, told reporters after chairing the council meeting.

The three-day congress passed several resolutions including one calling for the setting up of a Bumiputera Investment Trust.

A report on the congress findings was being prepared and would be submitted to the Prime Minister in two weeks from now. -- more

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It is the first meeting of the Supreme Council since the Umno General Assembly last November.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said the meeting also accepted the applications of former Parti Semangat 46 leaders Encik Fahmi Ibrahim and Encik Mazlan Harun to join Umno.

Their membership was effective from today, he added.

Replying to a question, the Prime Minister said no application was received from Datuk Harun Idris, a former leader of the party, to join Umno.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir also said today's Umno Supreme Council meeting discussed the issue of Istana involvement in government administration and economic activities which were hotly debated at the last party general assembly.

However they were discussed in passing and no decision was made on the matter, he said. -- more

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At the press conference, the Umno Deputy President Encik Ghafar Baba said that all meetings of Umno branches in Sabah would be held between Feb 1 and Feb 23 to select permanent committees.

The 20 Umno Divisions in the state would hold their delegates conferences simultaneously on March 1, Encik Ghafar who is Sabah Umno Liaison Committee Chairman said. -- Bernama