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UMNO VPs TO MEET KING AND RULERS NEXT WEEK, SAYS MAHATHIR

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KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 23 (Bernama) -- A delegation of UMNO vice presidents will convey to the Yang di-Pertuan Agong and the Rulers' Conference next week the party's views on royal households' involvement in the administration and the economy.

Prime Minister and UMNO president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the delegation would convey views which would be more representative during its audience with his majesty and their highnesses.

+I already had an audience with the Yang di-Pertuan Agong but what I had conveyed may have been my own views only.

+Many UMNO members want the views to be more representative,+ he told reporters after launching MARA's limousine and related services here today.

The vice-presidents in the delegation are Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, Datuk Seri Sanusi Junid and Datuk Abdullah Haji Ahmad Badawi. -- more

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Dr Mahathir said the delegation would convey views raised at last year's UMNO general assembly.

The Rulers' Conference would hold a two-day meeting from Wednesday at Istana Negara here.

The Prime Minister also expressed confidence that the Barisan Nasional would retain the Jerai parliamentary seat in the March 4 by-election.

He, however, did not rule out the possibility of the coalition securing a reduced majority as it is just a by-election.

Barisan Nasional's Badruddin Amirudin takes on his PAS opponent Nasir Othman in a straight fight in the by-election.

In the 1990 general election, the BN candidate Ghazali Ahmad defeated Subky Latif of PAS by a majority of 4,602 votes. -- Bernama

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