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UMNO GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN NOVEMBER

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KUALA LUMPUR, March 6 (Bernama) -- The Umno general assembly will be held in the first week of November, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

He said the Umno Youth and Wanita Umno general assemblies would be held on Nov 3, one day before the general assembly.

Dr Mahathir, who is Umno President, was speaking to reporters after chairing the Umno supreme council meeting at the party headquarters here.

He said divisions and branches would be told when to hold their meetings.

Sources said the branch meetings would be held in May and June while the divisional meetings, in July and August.

Dr Mahathir said today's meeting decided that the party may accept the Portuguese community in Malaysia as members if it can be verified by historical authorities that they are bumiputeras.-- more

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"Historical authorities will determine whether or not they are bumiputeras...if they are classified as bumiputeras, they may be accepted as Umno members," Dr Mahathir said.

(The Melaka Umno Liaison Committee referred the matter to the supreme council after the Portuguese community in the state applied to set up an Umno branch.)

Dr Mahathir said he briefed the supreme council members on "the modifications to the constitutional amendments" which would be debated in Parliament next week.

"I have explained to them the objective of the modifications to the constitutional amendments and the government's stance on the modifications suggested by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong and the Conference of Rulers," he said.

The Federal Constitution (Amendment) Bill 1993 aimed at limiting the legal immunity of the rulers will be tabled at the Dewan Rakyat on Monday and Dewan Negara on Wednesday.-- Bernama

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