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ADAM KADIR NO LONGER AN UMNO MEMBER

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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 5 (Bernama) -- Umno Beserah Selatan branch chief Senator Adam Abdul Kadir has disqualified himself as an Umno member for having violated the Umno constitution by referring a party dispute to the courts, Prime Minister and Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

The disqualification was automatic in accordance with Article 18(3) of the Umno constitution which prohibits members from bringing party disputes to the courts, he told reporters after chairing a meeting of the party's Supreme Council here.

Dr Mahathir said Adam could appeal through the normal channel for his case to be considered by the Supreme Council.

He also said that he could continue to serve as the Deputy President of the Dewan Negara as the appointment was made in his capacity as a senator and not an Umno member.

Adam's disqualification follows his obtaining an order from the Kuantan High Court last month for the Umno Kuantan division to accept the membership fees of the Umno Beserah Selatan as directed by the Supreme Council. -- more

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Dr Mahathir also said that the Supreme Council had left it to the Selangor Umno Liaison Committee to verify the membership and validity of the general meeting of the Ampang Jaya Umno Youth following a recent dispute over names of several members missing from the Umno Youth membership list.

Umno secretary-general Datuk Mohamed Rahmat, asked to elaborate on Adam's case, said Umno members should refer party disputes to the respective state Umno liaison committees for a solution, and not bring the matter to court. -- Bernama

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