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UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL REVIEWS ADAM KADIR'S CASE

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept. 6 (Bernama) -- The Umno Supreme Council is reviewing the case of Dewan Negara deputy president, Senator Adam Kadir, who was disqualified from membership in view of a doubt in the interpretation of relevant provisions in the party constitution.

Umno President Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the Supreme Council would seek legal advice to decide whether or not he could be re-admitted into the party.

Dr Mahathir, who is Prime Minister said there was a view in respect of Article 18.3 of the party constitution, that it allowed a member resort to the courts if there was no other alternative but should only be for the purpose of getting an order for specific performance of a Supreme Council decision.

"A doubt now arises whether he went to court to block a party decision or for its decision to be implemented," he told a press conference after chairing the Supreme Council meeting here today. -- more

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Dr Mahathir said if it was found that Adam's purpose was to seek implementation of a party decision than, according to the Umno constitution, he had not committed any wrong and as such could not be deprived from being a member.

Early last month, Dr Mahathir announced that Adam ceased to be an Umno member with immediate effect for taking party matters to court.

About a month earlier, Adam obtained a Kuantan High Court order directing the Kuantan Umno division to accept membership fees of the Beserah Selatan branch, headed by him.

Adam sent a letter to the Supreme Council on Aug. 11 appealing for withdrawal of his suspension from membership. -- Bernama

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