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UMNO YOUTH MEMBERS ABOVE 40 CAN BE IN BRANCH, DIVISION PROTEM COMMITTEES

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KUALA LUMPUR, June 10 (Bernama) -- Umno Youth members aged above 40 years on Jan 1 this year will be allowed to sit on the movement's branch and divisional committees which will become protem committees on July 1 in adjusting to the redelineation of electoral boundaries.

Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today the decision to relax the condition of the maximum age of office-bearers of the movement was made at today's meeting of the Umno Supreme Council.

He also said that the council's management committee chaired by party deputy president Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim would consider on June 22 the line-up of the party's divisional protem committee members handed over by the state Umno liaison committees.

"We will ensure that the administration of the divisions and the line-up of the protem committees adhere to Clause 13 of the Umno constitution," Dr Mahathir told reporters after chairing the supreme council meeting at Umno headquarters, here...

Clause 13 states that an Umno divisional committee must comprise 25 members, including a head, deputy head, vice-head, secretary, treasurer and information chief. -- more

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Umno secretary-general Datuk Mohamed Rahmat explained that the relaxation of the condition on the age was to avert problems at the grassroots.

He said some Umno Youth heads elected in the last party election were above 40 now and the supreme council felt that the mandate given them by the delegates should be taken through to the next election.

The Umno constitution stipulates that only those aged 40 and below can be members of Umno Youth except for the post of Umno Youth national leader.

Anwar said the supreme council's management committee would meet with the Umno president on June 22 to decide on the line-up of the divisional protem committees.

He said the heads of the state Umno liaison committees would submit their proposals on June 19. -- more

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Dr Mahathir said today's meeting, which lasted more than two hours, also discussed the procedure for the extraordinary Umno general assembly on June 19 to discuss an amendment to the party constitution to eliminate money politics.

"The Umno deputy president will table the draft resolution on the amendment as the representative of the supreme council," he said.

Dr Mahathir said the resolution would not be confined to the elimination of money politics but also touch on the contents of the code of ethics for Umno members which the supreme council would consider after it is empowered by the amendment.

He said that though the code of ethics will not be tabled at the extraordinary general assembly, the supreme council had decided to explain the matter to the delegates.

Dr Mahathir said the extraordinary general assembly would begin with a speech by the president. Then, the deputy president would table the draft resolution which would be seconded by Umno Youth. -- more

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Dr Mahathir said each state would be allowed to select a delegate to debate on the resolution which would then be discussed at committee stage.

"At the committee stage, anyone can speak on the matter but we must restrict the time for each person," he said.

After the winding-up by Anwar, Dr Mahathir would speak on questions of principle related to the proposal of the amendment. This would be followed by voting.

A total of 1,786 delegates will attend the one-day extraordinary general assembly.

On a proposal by Wanita Umno for its divisional heads to be appointed automatically as delegates to the Umno general assemblies, Dr Mahathir said the council did not discuss the matter. -- more

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He also said that the council did not discuss the next general election.

However, he said, the supreme council had adopted a stand on the admission of the Parti Bersatu Rakyat Sabah (PBRS) and Parti Demokratik Sabah (PDS) into the BN, and this would be conveyed at the meeting of the BN Supreme Council later today.

He also said that the Umno supreme council approved the setting up of Umno clubs in Jogjakarta and western Sumatera, both in Indonesia. --
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