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DROPPED CANDIDATE ABDUL LATIFF TO APPEAL TO MT

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 8 (Bernama) -- Bagan Umno Divisional Leader Datuk Abdul Latiff Mirasa will appeal against his exclusion as one of the candidates vying for the seats in Umno Supreme Council (MT) on Thursday.

He said if he failed in his bid he was prepared to give up his post either the party or the government if requested so.

"I can resign, no problem...as an Umno member, the party is above all else," he told a news conference here today.

Abdul Latiff was one of the six candidates dropped from the contest for breaching party's election ethic covering money politics, misusing position and campaigning.

He said he did not know what the party would do to him since he did not receive any letter.

Asked whether the action to drop him was "zalim" (cruel), he said, "not zalim, but the impression is that I've committed an offence...I need to know what."

Abdul Latiff, who is Pulau Pinang State Executive Councillor, said candidates dropped from the contest should be given time to defend themselves, showing that the leadership was being fair to all.

As such, he said they should be allowed to contest while investigation against them was being carried out.

"If the candidate wins and later found to be guilty, he can be disqualified and we will abide by the party's decision for the image of the party," he said.

He also appealed to party's President Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to reconsider charges against him. -- BERNAMA

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