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MAHATHIR TO CHAIR FIRST SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING AFTER PARTY POLLS

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 28 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will tonight chair the first Umno Supreme Council meeting since the Oct 10 party elections.

The election saw Dr Mahathir and Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim being returned unopposed as president and deputy president respectively for the 1996-99 term.

However, there was contest for the three vice-president posts, 25 Supreme Council seats, Umno Youth and Wanita chief posts as well as for the executive council positions of the two wings.

Dr Mahathir is expected to announce the office-bearers to the various posts at Umno headquarters and 10 appointed members of the council.

Under the party constitution, the president is empowered to appoint the secretary-general, treasurer-general, information chief and 10 appointed members to the Supreme Council, the party's highest decision-making body. He is also vested with the powers to appoint state Umno liaison committee heads.

The Supreme Council comprises 45 members -- president, deputy president, three vice-presidents, Youth and Wanita leaders who are ex-officio vice-presidents, secretary-general, treasurer-general, information chief, 25 elected members and 10 appointed members.

Datuk Mohamed Rahmat is the incumbent secretary-general, Tun Daim Zainuddin the treasurer-general and Tan Sri Hussein Ahmad the information chief.

In the October polls, five ministers -- Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin (Youth and Sports), Datuk Syed Hamid Albar (Defence), Datuk Sabbaruddin Chik (Culture, Arts and Tourism), Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz (International Trade and Industry) and Datuk Annuar Musa (Rural Development) -- who were Supreme Council members failed to defend their positions or were not elected to the post they contested for.

Two menteri besar -- Tan Sri Ramli Ngah Talib of Perak and Tan Sri Mohamed Isa Abdul Samad of Negeri Sembilan -- were also not re-elected.

Ramli lost in his bid for a vice-president post while Isa was defeated in the election for Umno Youth leader's post.

Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Sanusi Junid did not contest for any post.

Tonight's meeting is scheduled to start with the swearing-in of the members.

According to a party source, Dr Mahathir will give an important message to the members for the new term in office.

The following is the list of the 25 elected ordinary members of the Supreme Council:

1. Datuk Dr Abdul Hamid Othman (Minister in the Prime Minister's Department)
2. Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman (Johor Menteri Besar)
3. Datuk Mustapa Mohamed (Entrepreneur Development Minister)
4. Datuk Ali Rustam (Deputy Transport Minister)
5. Datuk Seri Mohamed Zin Abdul Ghani (Melaka Chief Minister)
6. Datuk Dr Mohamed Yusof Nor (Terengganu Exco member)
7. Tan Sri Mohamed Khalil Yaakob (Pahang Menteri Besar)
8. Datuk Dr Affifuddin Omar (Deputy Finance Minister)

9. Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim (Perlis Menteri Besar)
10. Datuk Mohamed Tajol Rosli Ghazali (Deputy Housing and Local Government Minister)
11. Datuk Abdul Kadir Sheikh Fadzir (Deputy Human Resources Minister)
12. Tan Sri Wan Mokhtar Ahmad (Terengganu Menteri Besar)
13. Datuk Dr Ibrahim Saad (Deputy Minister in PM's Department)
14. Datuk Hassan Ariffin (Pahang Deputy Menteri Besar)
15. Datuk Osu Sukam (Land and Cooperative Development Minister)
16. Datuk Raja Ariffin Sulaiman (Deputy Minister in the PM's Department)
17. Datuk Drs Suleiman Mohamed (Deputy Information Minister)
18. Datuk Nazri Tan Sri Aziz (Deputy Minister in the PM's Department)
19. Datuk Shafie Apdal (Information Ministry Parliamentary Secretary)
20. Datuk Khalid Yunus (Deputy Education Minister)
21. Datuk Megat Junid Megat Ayob (Deputy Home Minister)
22. Datin Paduka Zaleha Ismail (National Unity and Social Development Minister)
23. Datuk Salleh Tun Said Keruak
24. Datuk Abu Hassan Omar (Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister)
25. Datuk Shahrizat Abdul Jalil (Youth and Sports Ministry Parliamentary Secretary).

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