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MAHATHIR YET TO DECIDE WHETHER TO APPOINT EXECUTIVES WHO LOST

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 12 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said he has yet to decide whether to appoint corporate leaders who lost in the Umno election two days ago into the party's Supreme Council.

He said Umno needed the services of corporate figures but many others were also qualified to be appointed as Supreme Council members.

The Umno president and Prime Minister said this at a press conference at the end of the party's three-day general assembly here this evening.

"I have not thought about it ... many others are qualified to be appointed into the Supreme Council," he said when asked if the corporate leaders who failed to be elected as Supreme Council members would now be appointed into the council.

All eight corporate leaders who contested in the election failed to win. They include Datuk Dr Kamal Mat Salih, Datuk Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor, Mohamed Kamal Hussain and Datuk Abdul Khalid Ibrahim.

The party president has the authority to appoint 10 Supreme Council members excluding party officials such as the secretary-general, treasurer and information chief. -- BERNAMA

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