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MEASURES TO DETERMINE BONA FIDE DELEGATES IN UMNO ELECTIONS

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 6 (Bernama) -- Umno delegates representing their divisions at the party election on Thursday will have to produce their attendance cards, voting cards and their identity cards before could be given their ballot papers, Umno secretary-general Datuk Mohamed Rahmat said today.

"Such measures are to ensure that only bona fide delegates could vote," he said at a media briefing on the Umno general assembly to be held at the Putra World Trade Centre here.

He said that delegates to the respective Youth and Wanita Umno general assembly on Wednesday would also have to observe the same procedure during the election of their office-bearers.

Mohamed said that the party election would be conducted after the policy speech by Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, at about 11am.

He said that the divisions would take turns to vote. Their turns have already been fixed in a draw.

A total of 180 booths would be provided and balloting would be completed in two hours, he said.

Mohamed said that the counting of votes was expected to be completed by 3pm and the announcement would be made by the permanent chairman.

Some 300 staff have been trained to assist in the party election.

Only one representative of state liaison committees would be allowed to witness the counting of the votes, he said.

"Others including the candidates or their representatives will not be allowed at the counting centre," he added.

On the order of the candidates in the ballot papers, he said that this would be announced on the eve of the election.

"This is also to prevent candidates and their representatives from campaigning and printing calling cards with the position of the candidates in the ballot papers," he said.

A total of 73 candidates are contesting for seats in the Umno Supreme Council including three for the three posts of vice president and 61 for 25 posts in the Supreme Council.

In the Umno Youth election, 74 candidates will be contesting, five for the post of head of the movement, five for the post of vice head and 62 for 15 posts in Umno Youth Committee. In the Wanita Umno election, 38 candidates will be contesting, two for the post of the head of the movement, three for the post of vice head and 33 for 30 posts in the Wanita Umno committee. -- BERNAMA

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