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PARTI MELAYU SEMANGAT 46 WILL BE DISSOLVED TOMORROW

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 5 (Bernama) -- About 500 members of Parti Melayu Semangat 46 (S46) will attend the party's extraordinary general meeting (EGM) at the Kuala Lumpur Hilton here tomorrow to discuss the resolution to dissolve S46 and that the members join Umno en masse.

S46 information chief, Ahmad Shabery Chik said the resolution would be tabled by party deputy president, Datuk Rais Yatim and debated by the delegates before voting.

"We hope there will be consensus on the dissolution of the party tomorrow," he told Bernama here today.

Two days ago, a Malay unity gathering attended by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and S46 president, Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah was held in Kota Baharu, Kelantan.

The gathering was attended by about 100,000 people and was part of the move to dissolve S46 which was formed eight years ago following the political crisis faced by Umno after the 1987 party election.

On August 18, Tengku Razaleigh announced that S46 would be dissolved in the interest of Malay unity and its members would join Umno en masse.

Ahmad Shabery said the EGM would be officiated by Tengku Razaleigh at 8.30am and his speech would stress on the reasons for the dissolution of the party and the importance of Malay unity.

This would be followed by the tabling of the resolution on the party's dissolution and its financial statement to seek the mandate from the members, he added.

He said, besides seeking the members' consent to dissolve the party, the S46 Supreme Council also needed the members' mandate to close the party's accounts in line with the dissolution of S46.

Asked on the financial position of the party, he said: "Wait till tomorrow. Actually we don't have much asset because the existing office buildings are rented."

He expected the EGM to end by 2.00pm and the Registrar of Societies would be informed as soon as possible about the dissolution.

On Tuesday (Oct 8), the S46 leader would hand over 200,000 applications to join Umno at the party's (Umno) headquarters here, he said. -- BERNAMA
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