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S46 MEMBERSHIP VERIFICATION TO BE COMPLETED SOON, SAYS AHMAD

KUALA LUMPUR, 29 Sept (Bernama) -- The membership verification of Parti Melayu Semangat 46 members who are set to join Umno is expected to be completed next weekend, S46 information chief Ahmad Shabery Chik said today.

"The exercise is taking time because it involves a large number of members and has to be comprehensive and cover all levels of the party," he said.

He told Bernama this after attending a S46 meeting at the residence of party president Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah here. It was also attended by most state S46 chiefs and other top party officials.

The question of there being S46 members not wanting to join Umno did not arise, Ahmad said, adding that nearly 200,000 members were expected to join Umno when S46 was officially dissolved next month.

He also said that S46 had taken several measures to ensure that a gathering to be attended by Prime Minister and Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in Kelantan early next month proceeded well in the interest of Malay unity. -- BERNAMA

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