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UMNO ASSEMBLY ON OCT 9 TO 12

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 3 (Bernama) -- The Umno General Assembly this year will be held from Oct 9 to 12, party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad announced today.

It will begin with the Youth and Wanita assemblies on Oct 9 followed by the main assembly on the following three days, he told a news conference after chairing the party Supreme Council meeting at the Umno headquarters here.

He said the pre-council meeting would be held on Oct 8.

This year's General Assembly will see a contest for the three vice-presidents' posts and the 25 Supreme Council seats.

Dr Mahathir also said that Melaka Chief Minister Datuk Seri Mohamed Zain Ghani and Perlis Menteri Besar Datuk Shahidan Kassim, who are not members of the Supreme Council, would be invited to attend all Council meetings.

Mohamed Zain previously attended Supreme Council meetings in place of Tan Sri Rahim Tamby Chik who had given up the leadership of Umno Youth.

However, Rahim is back at the helm of Umno Youth and Zain would be attending the Supreme Council meetings by invitation, he said.

Rahim also attended today's meeting.

Umno Youth Deputy Head Datuk Nazri Tan Sri Aziz, who is an appointed Supreme Council member, will remain in the Council.

Dr Mahathir also announced the Supreme Council's decision to sack former Seremban Umno Youth Head Dr Haji Murad Ahmad for going to court over last year's divisional election in which he lost the post. -- BERNAMA