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UMNO MT TO DISCUSS 120,000 APPLICATIONS OF FORMER S46 MEMBERS

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 9 (Bernama) -- The Umno Supreme Council (MT)'s meeting next month will discuss the 120,000 membership applications of former Parti Melayu Semangat 46 (S46) members, its secretary-general Datuk Sabbaruddin Chik said today.

He said the MT would discuss the next course of action regarding the applications after they were rejected on the ground that the applicants wanted to set up their own Umno branches.

Although in principle former S46 members were not allowed to set up branches, new branches could be allowed in new areas, he told reporters after opening Browns Clock Shop, here.

As such, he said Umno headquarters was reviewing their membership applications.

Sabbaruddin also advised those whose applications were rejected because of under-age (below 18) to do so when they had attained the requirement age.

Apart from the 120,000 applications, the recent MT meeting also rejected 60,000 applications on technicality such as under-age or already registered as Umno members.

Only 10,000 of some 200,000 former S46 members were successful in their applications to join Umno. The forms were handed over by former S46 president Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah to Umno president Datuk Seri Mahathir Mohamad when S46 was dissolved last October. -- BERNAMA

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