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UMNO READMITS FOUR EXPELLED MEMBERS FROM SABAH

KUALA LUMPUR, July 6 (Bernama) -- The Umno Supreme Council today readmitted into Umno four members who were expelled from the party for contesting in the 1994 Sabah election on Parti Bersatu Sabah (PBS) tickets.

They are Datu Amirkahar Tun Datu Mustapha (Bangi assemblyman), Pitting Mohd Ali and Nilwan Kabang (Silam Umno Division) and Askalani Abdul Rahim (Semporna Umno Division).

Speaking at a news conference after chairing the Supreme Council meeting, Umno president and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the council had also accepted the period of expulsion and suspension of membership as recommended by the Disciplinary and Management committees.

He said the two committees chaired by Umno Deputy President Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim had proposed that expulsion be for a period of three years while suspension from one to three years.

"In the case of others who have filed appeals with the Supreme Council a decision will be made at its next meeting after it had studied the report from the Disciplinary Committee," Dr Mahathir said.

He also announced that the council had agreed to the government's proposal to amend the Land Acquisition Act to provide for the acquisition of Malay reserve land at appropriate market price for development by Bumiputeras. -- BERNAMA

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