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UMNO SPECIAL COMMITTEE HOLDS FIRST MEETING

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 11 (Bernama) -- The Umno Special Committee to study complaints of misbehaviour and money politics involving candidates contesting for the posts of vice presidents, Umno Youth head and Wanita Umno head in the October party polls held its first meeting today.

The meeting at the Prime Minister's Department was chaired by Umno President Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The committee's members are Umno Deputy President Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, Secretary-General Datuk Mohamed Rahmat and three party veterans -- former Secretary-General Tan Sri Mustapha Jabar, former Cabinet Minister Tan Sri Abdul Samad Idris and former Member of Parliament from Kedah Azahari Taib.

The special committee was set up at the Umno Supreme Council meeting last week as there were members of the party Disciplinary Committee, who were also contesting party posts.

Meanwhile speaking at a post Cabinet press conference at his office here, Mohamed urged candidates for the Umno Supreme Council, who had the consent of their divisions to submit their offer forms to Umno headquarters by Sept 14 the latest.

He said those who fail to do so by that date would have their nominations cancelled.

On the 22 delegates said to be bankrupt, Mohamed said probably the number would be smaller as some of them had settled their debts and had been discharged.

Those who were no longer bankrupt should however contact the party headquarters and inform it of their current status so that they could attend the assembly.

Mohamed said stern action would be taken against any employee of the Information and Broadcasting departments involved in helping any candidate to the Umno general assembly.

Mohamed also said amendments to the Broadcasting Act 1988 providing for the launching of new services over radio and television would be tabled in Parliament on Oct 14.

He said the Cabinet agreed to this at its meeting today.

He said under the present Act, the term "receiver" referred to only radio and TV sets and not anything beyond that.

"Now we have a wide range of radio and television facilities such as cable TV, cable radio, satellite radio and satellite TV and others arising from advances in communication technology," he said.

Mohamed said the amendments to the Act would also permit Malaysia East Asia Satellite (Measat) broadcasts.

It would also provide for action against those using parabola dishes which exceeded 60cm in diameter, he added. -- BERNAMA

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