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UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL TO DECIDE ON NEW DATES FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 2 (Bernama) -- The Umno Supreme Council is expected to decide on the new dates for the party's general assembly at its meeting here, tomorrow, Umno Secretary-General Datuk Mohamed Rahmat said today.

He said the dates decided earlier, Oct 1 to 5, had to be changed because the Prime Minister and Umno President Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim would be away on official duty during that period.

The new suggested dates for the assembly would also be in October, he told reporters after the launching of the review on Umno's membership register at the Putra World Trade Centre here.

The general assembly this time will attract the interest of many because of the contest for the posts of Umno vice presidents and the supreme council members and also the youth and wanita movements' head.

On Tan Sri Abdul Rahim Tamby Chik, who has reassumed the leadership of the Umno youth movement, Mohamed said the former Melaka Chief Minister would be invited to attend tomorrow's supreme council meeting.

Mohamed, who is Minister of Information, said Rahim had written an official letter to the party president and Umno Headquarters that he agreed to return to his post of Umno Youth Chief.

Mohamed also said Umno would make urban youth its primary target for the membership drive in efforts to increase the party's membership which currently stood at 2.3 million.

"We want to ensure party continuity and this can only be achieved if those on reaching the age of 18 can be persuaded to join Umno," he said.

He said the membership drive would also be targeted at office and factory workers. -- BERNAMA