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UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL TO DISCUSS DEVELOPMENTS IN KELANTAN

KUALA LUMPUR, May 3 (Bernama) -- Current developments in Kelantan especially pertaining to the proposal to amend the state's constitution to restrict the power of the Sultan will be discussed at Umno's Supreme Council (MT) meeting here tomorrow, party secretary-general, Datuk Mohamed Rahmat, said today.

"Any development concerning the party will be noted and discussed in its meetings," he told reporters at Angkasapuri here.

He was elaborating on Prime Minister and Umno president, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's statement at Bandar Seri Begawan, last Monday that Umno would support PAS in the Kelantan Legislative Assembly on the proposal to amend the constitution if it was in line with UMNO's stand.

Mohamed said MT would also be informed on the resignation of Datuk Salleh Said Keruak as Sabah's Chief Minister.

Mohamed advised party members to support Salleh's action as it was in line with the promise to rotate the post of Chief Minister among the three major communities made by the Prime Minister and Barisan Nasional (BN) chairman, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad during the campaign in the Sabah state election in 1993.

"What had taken place is a party matter and not that of an individual and Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had been given a mandate by members to make a decision and this had to be honoured," he said.

The council was also expected to discuss final preparations on celebrations to mark the party's 50th anniversary which begins next week.

Later he told reporters at the Umno registration centre at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) that all forms submitted by intending candidates would be checked to ensure they complied with regulations.

"Except for undischarged bankrupts, those on whom disciplinary action were taken and Group A officers, all party members are eligible to contest," he said.

He said registration would close on Tuesday and the MT would be informed of the number of candidates contesting at its next meeting. --

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