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UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL INVESTIGATES BANKRUPTCY ALLEGATIONS

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 7 (Bernama) -- The Umno supreme council has received reports that 22 members who had been declared bankrupts had been selected as delegates to the party's general assembly in October.

Umno secretary-general Datuk Mohamed Rahmat said today the party's management committee would refer the matter to the Official Assignee to determine whether they are still bankrupts.

"If the case is proven, the member concerned will be dropped from the list of delegates and his replacement found as soon as possible," he told reporters after launching the RTM Current Affairs Unit's homepage at the Kuala Lumpur Tower, here.

On the ban on campaigning for the party elections, he said the supreme council, at its meeting last night, decided to further tighten the ban to cover the print and electronic media, including RTM.

Mohamed said RTM had also been instructed to temporarily stop its "Wawancara" programme which features interviews with political leaders.

This was to prevent RTM from being used by certain leaders, who are contesting in the elections, to campaign, he said.

Mohamed also hoped that all the newspapers would abide by the directive by not publishing advertisements expressing thanks to political leaders or the profiles of contesting leaders.

He said the newspapers as well as television should be careful and not publish or air excessive news on opening ceremonies by these candidates unless it involved government functions.

On the setting up of a special committee chaired by party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed to investigate complaints against candidates for the vice-presidencies and the Youth and Wanita leaders' posts, Mohamed said the move was apt because these office-bearers were also members of the disciplinary committee and it was best that they be investigated by an independent panel.

He said former Umno secretary-general Tan Sri Mustaffa Jabar was among the political veterans to be invited to sit on the special committee because of his deep understanding of the party. -- BERNAMA

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