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Mahathir-Anwar

ANWAR APPOINTED ACTING UMNO PRESIDENT

KUALA LUMPUR, May 10 (Bernama) -- Umno deputy president Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim has been appointed acting Umno president and will carry out all the duties of the president during Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's two-month leave from May 19.

Dr Mahathir, who chaired the Umno supreme council meeting here today, told reporters that among the duties was to chair Umno supreme council meetings.

On his return from a week-long visit to three African states on Thursday, the prime minister said that he was taking leave to rest while doing some work and performing official visits to several countries.

He has said that Anwar would be appointed acting Prime Minister and acting Home Minister.

Dr Mahathir said that he had informed the Supreme Council regarding his leave.

"I have informed the Supreme Council that I will be on leave for two months and during my leave Anwar will be acting president and will chair all Supreme Council meetings and carry out all duties pertaining to the party," he said. -- BERNAMA

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