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NO CASE IN VOTE-RIGGING COMPLAINT, SAYS DR M

KUALA LUMPUR, May 10 (Bernama) -- The Umno Election Panel has found no case in the complaint lodged by former Umno Youth leader Tan Sri Rahim Tamby Chik on alleged rigging of votes in last year's Umno Youth elections, Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

The party agreed to look into the complaint although technically the objection period was over, he told reporters after chairing the monthly meeting of Umno supreme council, the party's highest policy-making body, today.

Deputy president Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim later added that all complaints must be made within 10 days.

"Nevertheless, we still studied its substance and the election panel headed by Tan Sri Mustaffa Jabar felt there was no case," he said.

Rahim was reported to have filed the complaint with the Umno management committee early this week.

Rahim lost to the then Umno Youth Information Chief Datuk Ahmad Zahid Hamidi with a 199-vote majority in a five-cornered fight.

Rural Development Minister Datuk Annuar Musa polled 135 votes and Rahim came third with 103 followed by Negeri Sembilan Menteri Besar Tan Sri Mohamed Isa Samad who received 72 votes while unknown Abdul Rahman Mat Salleh got only one vote. -- BERNAMA

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