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Probe ordered into Wanita Umno accounts

KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. - The Umno supreme council has ordered an investigation into Wanita Umno's accounts following complaints by members, party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

The Prime Minister said party treasurer Tun Daim Zainuddin would study the accounts and submit a report to the supreme council.

The accounts to be scrutinised are accounts maintained by the previous office bearers.

"We received a report on the Wanita's account and the supreme council agreed to look into the matter," he told reporters after chairing the supreme council meeting at the Umno headquarters at Putra World Trade Centre.

On the Anti-Corruption Agency's investigations into eight executive councillors from six States over alleged involvement in corrupt practices, Dr Mahathir said the matter was discussed in general but no decision was made.

He, however, said the supreme council agreed that Umno leaders should not be involved in activities that could tarnish the party's image.

Dr Mahathir said the party's management and disciplinary committee headed by deputy president Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim would investigate complaints of irregularities in branch elections.

"We will look into the complaints and we will take action," he said.

On the admission of former Parti Melayu Semangat 46 members into Umno, he said those whose applications were not a problem had been accepted into the party.

Dr Mahathir said Umno's anniversary celebrations would be held on May 11 at PWTC.

Among the highlights of the celebration are a flag-raising ceremony, recital of the doa, the president's speech and a forum.

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