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UMNO COUNCIL TO DISCUSS BY-ELECTION DEFEAT AND SELANGOR MB CASE

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 10 (Bernama) -- The Umno Supreme Council meeting tomorrow is expected to discuss Barisan Nasional's defeat in the Pulai Chondong by-election and the Selangor Menteri Besar's alleged currency offence in Australia.

The two subjects are expected to be brought up at the meeting as Prime Minister and Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had said recently that the Supreme Council would discuss them.

In the Pulai Chondong by-election held on Monday, PAS took the seat after its candidate Zulkefli Mamat polled 4,778 votes to beat Barisan Nasional's Yusoff Hamzah with a slim majority of 118 votes.

Dr Mahathir had commented that the result showed that the people of Kelantan wanted PAS and were not concerned about development and good administration.

Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Muhammad Muhamad Taib was detained at the Brisbane airport on Dec 22 for not declaring currency equivalent to RM2.4 million. Australian law requires anyone leaving the country to declare any amount worth over A\$5,000.

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