

Umno to sell tapes of Sept 3 meeting

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KUALA LUMPUR: Umno will put on sale from Sunday the tape recordings of its supreme council meeting on Sept 3 which decided on the expulsion of Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim from the party.

Umno secretary-general Datuk Seri Sabbarudin Chik said the party headquarters was trying to get copies of the tapes ready by Sunday, when Umno holds an extraordinary general assembly to amend the party constitution.

He said the price for

the tapes had not been decided.

On Monday, the supreme council decided to distribute the tapes as the two edited versions which were being circulated at the moment were aimed at clearing Anwar's image because speeches made by other supreme council members exposing his character had been omitted.

Meanwhile, Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Nazri Aziz said the decision by Umno to

make public the entire recordings of its Sept 3 meeting had no relevance to the on-going Anwar trial.

In Kuala Pilah, Negri Sembilan party chief Tan Sri Mohamed Isa Abdul Samad said the state Umno would distribute, through its divisions, the tape recordings.

He said it could also help dispel rumours that party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had acted as a "dictator" over the matter.