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ABU HASSAN URGED TO INTERVENE TO AVOID CONTEST

SHAH ALAM, Feb 11 (Bernama) -- Several Selangor Umno divisions have asked Menteri Besar Datuk Abu Hassan Omar, who is also state Umno liaison chairman, to help resolve the no-contest problem facing them.

Abu Hassan said he would visit these divisions and try to resolve their disputes to avoid contests for top divisional posts as advised by Prime Minister and party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

He did not name the divisions but merely said that two or three divisions had already asked for his intervention.

"I have recently resolved the problem of the Kapar Umno Division when its leader Datuk Onn Ismail was allegedly challenged by Datuk Abdul Rahman Palil," he told reporters after chairing today's state executive council meeting here.

Abu Hassan said any action taken against party members defying Dr Mahathir's advice would have to conform to the party's supreme council decision.

He also said today's executive council meeting discussed the sale of Malay reserve land to foreigners.

Abu Hassan had directed local authorities to issue a three-month notice to the land owners to rectify the situation.

He reminded those ignoring the notice that the government would repossess their land.

Abu Hassan said such activities were widespread in Hulu Langat, Kuala Langat and Gombak districts.

The meeting also slashed the state development budget for this year from RM408.3 million to RM366.9 million, a 10.1 percent cut, he added.--  
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