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Assembly will focus on economic problems, says PM

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ISSUES concerning the current economic problems will be the highlight of discussions at the three-day Umno general assembly which begins today.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the economic issue is one of the two resolutions to be debated during the assembly. The other resolution will touch on the party's presidential keynote address.

"There will not be issues on religion and education during the party general assembly this year because we want to concentrate on economic problems.

"We want to focus on the overall economic problems in the country," he told reporters after chairing the Umno supreme council meeting in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

On whether the assembly will discuss the proposed resolution on a no-contest for the party's top two posts, Dr Mahathir, who is also Umno president, said the matter was not raised during the supreme council meeting.

Besides the two resolutions, Dr Mahathir said the supreme council members were also informed of the preparations for today's meeting.

"The party's permanent chairman briefed us on the preparations and he said he was satisfied with the preparations.

"The supreme council was also informed of the Umno Youth and Wanita meetings. We were also satisfied with the progress of the meetings," he added.

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