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COMPLAINT AGAINST ZAHID WILL BE LOOKED INTO, SAYS MAHATHIR

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 24 (Bernama) -- Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today the party's Supreme Council will look into the Umno Youth's memorandum calling for disciplinary action against their leader Datuk Ahmad Zahid Hamidi.

"If the Umno Youth has submitted a memorandum, then the Supreme Council has to look into it," he told reporters after chairing the National Information Technology Council at the Prime Minister's Department, here.

He said it would be up to the Supreme Council members to decide whether action should be taken against Ahmad Zahid.

The Umno Youth Exco had earlier in the day filed a formal complaint against Ahmad Zahid to the Supreme Council and demanded that disciplinary action be taken against him.

Umno Youth deputy chief Datuk Hishamuddin Hussein said they no longer had confidence in Ahmad Zahid to lead the movement because of his "silence" pertaining to the Supreme Council's decision to sack Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim from the party on Sept 3.

The formal complaint in the form of a three-page memorandum was handed over to Umno secretary-general Datuk Sabbaruddin Chik who was also present at the two-hour special meeting of the Umno Youth Exco.

The memorandum dated Sept 22 was signed by 21 of the 25 exco members and also six state Umno youth chiefs who are not in the exco.

Ahmad Zahid is being detained under the Internal Security Act (ISA).

Asked on Ahmad Zahid's position as Bank Simpanan Nasional (BSN) Chairman, Dr Mahathir who is also First Finance Minister said: "That too we'll have to look into, whether he is suitable as BSN Chairman."

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