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Dr M's address and economy only motions to be tabled

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - Only motions on the presidential address and economy will be tabled at the three-day Umno general assembly which begins tomorrow.

Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said this was to enable delegates to deliberate comprehensively on the current economic problems besetting the country.

Speaking to reporters after chairing a brief supreme council meeting at the Umno headquarters tonight, the Prime Minister said the motion on the presidential address would be tabled by Terengganu representative Datuk Abdul Rashid Ngah and would be seconded by Ahmad Mazlan of Johor.

The motion on economy will be tabled by Datuk Dr Kamal Salleh of the Federal Territory Umno and seconded by Datuk Rashidi Manju of Sabah.

Asked whether the meeting discussed the proposal by three State Umno to move a motion calling for the top two posts to be uncontested, Dr Mahathir said: "No one raised the matter."

On why motions on education and religion will not be tabled, he said: "This is because we want to concentrate on discussing the economic problem."

The supreme council was also briefed on the preparation for the general assembly by permanent chairman Tan Sri Sulaiman Ninam Shah.

It also received reports on proceedings of today's Youth and Wanita assemblies which were simultaneously opened by deputy president Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, and was satisfied with the outcome.

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