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ERRANT UMNO MEMBERS TO KNOW THEIR FATE TOMORROW

KUALA LUMPUR, March 1 (Bernama) -- Twenty Umno members found to have sided the opposition in a by-election in Pulau Pinang last November will know their fate tomorrow.

Umno Disciplinary and Management Committee, which met last Tuesday, had recommended that seven be expelled, one suspended and 12 be issued with stern warning.

The Umno Supreme Council (MT) will meet tomorrow to deliberate on the committee's recommendations.

In the Sungai Bakap by-election, the BN retained the seat after brushing aside challenges by the DAP and two Independents.

The MT meeting starting at 8pm at Menara Dato' Onn, Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) here is also expected to discuss the case of Kelantan's Tendong assemblyman Hussain Ahmad who left Umno to join PAS.

Hussain won the seat on Parti Melayu Semangat 46 (S46) ticket in the last general election.

He defected to PAS purportedly unhappy with the way former S46 members were being treated after the party was dissolved last year to enable the members to join Umno.

The MT meeting is also expected to discuss the appeal by Kelantan's Kubang Kerian Umno divisional head Mat Zin Awang who had among others been stripped off his right to contest in current Umno divisional elections by the the Disciplinary and Management Committee under deputy president Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

Mat Zin had refused to recognise the approval given by the MT and Umno Headquarters to former S46 members wanting to join the division.

The divisional election is scheduled from March 12 to 29 while the branch election from Feb 12 to March 15.

Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is also expected to explain to MT members the country's current economic situation.

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