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I AM PREPARED TO NAME THE SUBVERSIVE UMNO DIVISIONS - MOHAMED

JOHOR BAHRU, Oct 4 (Bernama) -- Former Umno secretary-general Datuk Seri Mohamed Rahmat, who has claimed that about 90 divisions were used to try to topple Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, said today he is prepared to name them at the party's supreme council meeting on Tuesday.

"If the supreme council seeks clarification on what I have exposed, I am really to give evidence," he told reporters after attending a meet-the-people session in Kampung Serantau Baru here.

Mohamed, who is a member of the supreme council, said he did not want to name the divisions publicly to avoid a "trial by the media".

Asked if Dr Mahathir had contacted him about his claim, Mohamed said the Prime Minister and Umno president had not.

According to him, Dr Mahathir himself had acknowledged two days ago that there were efforts to topple him.

Mohamed, who is also the Information Minister, made the claim about the 90 divisions after briefing Pulai division Umno members last Monday.

He had said that some of the divisional leaders were paid RM5,000 to RM10,000 in monthly allowance, and several divisions were given RM1 million to RM2 million in allocations, to carry out subversive activities in the party.

Many party leaders then demanded that Mohamed back up his allegations with proof.

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