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ISSUE OF UMNO DIVISIONS INVOLVED IN SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES SETTLED

SHAH ALAM, Oct 7 (Bernama) -- The Umno Supreme Council has considered as settled the issue concerning several divisions allegedly given money to topple party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, a council member said today.

Datuk Abu Hassan Omar, who is also the Selangor Menteri Besar and state Umno chief, said the council discussed the issue at its meeting last night and decided that it should not drag on.

All members, he said, should focus on closing ranks and strengthening the party's administrative machinery.

"So the issue shouldn't be raised any more," he told reporters after chairing the state executive council meeting here.

Abu Hassan said four of the 10 members expelled by Umno last night for involvement in anti-party activities were from Selangor.

They include Petaling Jaya Selatan division deputy Umno Youth head Ezam Mohd Noor, who is the former political secretary of Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

The other three, all belonging to the Parit Serong branch in Kuala Selangor, are Mohd Yahaya Mohd Shaari, Abdul Shafid Omar and Abdul Kudus Omar.

Abu Hassan said Abdul Kudus had allowed Anwar, the former deputy president who was expelled from the party a month ago, to hold a ceramah at his house on Sept 16.

He said Selangor Umno had submitted to the Supreme Council the names of 12 members from the Kuala Selangor and Tanjung Karang divisions for allegedly supporting Anwar's reform movement.

They should be expelled or issued with show cause letters as to why they should not be removed from the party, said Abu Hassan.

On Dr Mahathir's decision not to appoint a deputy prime minister until the Umno elections next year, Abu Hassan said this showed that the Prime Minister upheld democracy in his administration.

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