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MAHATHIR TO BRIEF UMNO LEADERS ON GENERAL ASSEMBLY

KUALA LUMPUR, June 16 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister and Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will brief Umno leaders tomorrow on the three-day General Assembly which starts on Friday at the Putra World Trade Centre, here.

Supreme council members, youth and wanita exco members and divisional leaders would attend the briefing at Dewan Merdeka, party secretary-general Datuk Sabbaruddin Chik said today.

A total of 1,907 delegates will attend the assembly to be opened by Dr Mahathir while his deputy Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim will simultaneously open the youth and wanita delegates' conference on Thursday, he told reporters.

He said the assembly would discuss two motions. The motion of thanks for the presidential address would be tabled by the Kuala Nerus Umno division representative and seconded by a representative from the Sungai Benut Umno division in Johor.

The motion on the economy will be tabled by the Wangsa Maju division representative and seconded by a representative from the Kinabalu division in Sabah.

He said speakers could also raise education and religious issues when debating on the motion of thanks for the presidential address.

Sabbaruddin said eight of the 14 political parties invited from friendly countries have confirmed their attendance for the opening of the assembly.

Eighteen representatives and six observers from 18 Umno clubs would also attend the assembly, he added.

Anwar told reporters after visiting Syarikat Takaful Malaysia Bhd here that he believed Dr Mahathir's speech would focus on economic problems and efforts to rehabilitate the country's economy.

"As usual the Umno general assembly will serve as a forum for us to discuss problems after hearing the presidential address touching on major issues," he said.

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