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MT EXPECTED TO DISCUSS FATE OF UMNO MEMBERS SUPPORTING REFORMASI

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 7 (Bernama) -- The Umno Supreme Council (MT)'s meeting tonight is expect to discuss among others the fate of party members who took part in street protests by the reformasi (reform) movement in support of sacked Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

The Disciplinary Committee had issued 47 show-cause letters to Umno members suspected of siding the reformasi movement. Eleven of them had been called before the committee to explain their actions.

The committee had submitted its recommendations to the MT on the action to be taken against them including former Umno Youth leader Datuk Ahmad Zahid Hamidi.

The MT could among others reprimand them, ask them to go on leave, suspend their membership or simply let them go.

Tonight's meeting which will be chaired by Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is also expected to discuss the distribution of tapes containing recordings of the MT meeting on Sept 3 which discussed the sacking of Anwar from the party.

The meeting, the last one for the year, will also discuss preparations for the special Umno general assembly on Sunday to amend the party's constitution.

A total of 17 motions will be tabled at the special meeting which will among others do away with the 10-vote bonus awarded to those nominated to contest for the posts of president and deputy.

Under a proposal to replace the bonus system, candidates eyeing for the two posts or hoping to be supreme council members must obtain a certain percentage of the nominations from the 165 Umno divisions in the country.

At present, a candidate only needs nominations from two divisions to be eligible to contest for these posts.

The proposed amendments to the party's constitution will also impose another condition, namely a potential candidate must have been a member for a certain period of time.

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