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PENANG UMNO TO EXPLAIN ANWAR EXPULSION TO MEMBERS

PULAU PINANG, Sept 6 (Bernama) -- Pulau Pinang Umno will hold briefing sessions for its members on the expulsion of Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim from Umno and his removal from the Cabinet, its deputy chief Datuk Mohd Shariff Omar said today.

Anwar is the head of Umno in Pulau Pinang which is his homestate.

Umno Supreme Council representatives would be invited to help conduct the briefing sessions, Shariff said after chairing a meeting of the State Umno Liaison Committee here.

Also present was Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi who is head of the Kepala Batas Umno Division.

Seven divisions -- Nibung Tebal, Balik Pulau, Tanjung, Gelugor, Bukit Mertajam, Permatang Pauh and Bayan Baru were represented at the meeting by their heads or deputy heads.

However the Bagan and Bukit Bendera divisions did not send any representative to the meeting. The Bagan Division is headed by Datuk Abdul Latif Mirasa and the Bukit Bendera Division by Senator Ahmad Ismail.

Shariff said the State Umno meeting today expressed full support for the leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The meeting also endorsed the move to sack Anwar from the government and his expulsion from the party.

The Pulau Pinang Umno Youth had yet to make its stand on the issue and its head Dr Abdul Rahim Mohd Ghouse was still in Kuala Lumpur. Its secretary Norazam Othman said a meeting would be convened once Dr Rahim returned to Penang.

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