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SHOW-CAUSE LETTER RECIPIENTS WILL BE INTERVIEWED - MAHATHIR

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 6 (Bernama) -- The 25 Umno members, who have replied to their show-cause letters, will be interviewed by the party's Management and Disciplinary Committee over their alleged involvement in activities detrimental to the party and government.

Umno President Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the Supreme Council, which met tonight, decided that their activities be monitored for a specific period.

"The decision was made not because we are dissatisfied with their replies. Some of them have stated in their replies that they were still loyal to Umno and we take that into account," he told a news conference after chairing the Supreme Council meeting, here.

Dr Mahathir was asked on the fate of the 25 members including former Umno Youth chief Datuk Ahmad Zahid Hamidi who were among the 33 asked to show cause why they should not be expelled from the party for their alleged involvement in activities against the party and government's interests.

Umno Secretary-General Datuk Seri Sabbaruddin Chik said on Wednesday that eight of the 33 people had not replied to the letters or appealed as they claimed to have not received the letters from party headquarters.

Under the Umno Constitution, members found to have damaged the party's reputation can be issued a warning, have his membership rights suspended, expelled from the party or barred from contesting any party posts and other actions deemed appropriate.

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