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UMNO DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE PUT ON HOLD

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 15 (Bernama) -- Umno Disciplinary and Management Committee will not hold a meeting until instructed by Prime Minister and Umno President Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, party secretary-general Datuk Sabbaruddin Chik said today.

The committee was headed by Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, who was sacked from the government on Sept 2 and expelled from Umno the following day for alleged moral misconduct.

Asked who would deal with disciplinary cases involving Umno members previously handled by the committee, he said: " I'm waiting for the president's instruction."

Sabbaruddin, who is Culture, Arts and Tourism Minister, was speaking to reporters after opening a textile art exhibition at Bank Negara, here.

Also present were Bank Negara Deputy Governor Datuk Dr Zeti Akhtar Aziz and a member of the National Art Gallery Board of Trustees Nizar Idris.

The question of disciplinary action had arose as many Umno members were seen supporting Anwar, who was initiating, what he termed as a reform movement.

Asked whether the Supreme Council, Umno's highest decision-making body, could take action against party members who were not only seen in Anwar's house but also giving speeches supporting the former party deputy president, Sabbaruddin said he did not about it.

Sabbaruddin also said Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, who will be in Malaysia on a four-day state visit beginning Sunday, will visit the National Art Gallery at Jalan Temerloh, here.

The new RM40-million building has a 15,000 square metre exhibition hall, the biggest in Southeast Asia.

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