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UMNO EXPECTED TO DISCUSS M'SIA-S'PORE ROW

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 7 (Bernama) -- The Umno Supreme Council held its monthly meeting tonight chaired by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who is party president.

The meeting was held at Umno headquarters at Menara Datuk Onn of the Putra World Trade Centre here.

Dr Mahathir was expected to brief council members on Malaysia-Singapore bilateral ties in the wake of the current row over the relocation of the republic's customs, immigration and quarantine (CIQ) checkpoint for railway passengers from Tanjong Pagar to Woodlands.

Malaysia has refused to budge from its CIQ facilities in the Tanjong Pagar railway station, which sits on land belonging to Malaysia's railway company, although Singapore required CIQ clearance at Woodlands from Aug 1.

The Umno Youth had earlier urged the government to suspend all fresh bilateral dealings with Singapore until the republic's prime minister Goh Chok Tong states his country's official stand on outstanding issues affecting both countries.

These issues include supply of Malaysian water to Singapore, Malaysia-owned railway land in the republic and economic and financial cooperation.

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