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UMNO HQ FLOODED WITH MONEY POLITICS COMPLAINTS

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 23 (Bernama) -- The Umno headquarters here has received several complaints of members' misconduct and them resorting to money politics in the run-up to next month's divisional elections, party secretary-general Datuk Sabbaruddin Chik said today.

"However most of the complaints are incomplete and lacked concrete proof," he told reporters after inaugurating the "Imuda Advertising Sdn Bhd" firm here.

Only complaints substantiated with proof and not merely based on hearsay or news reports would be referred to the party's technical committee chaired by lawyer Datuk Zaki Tun Azmi.

Subsequently the Umno disciplinary and management committee, chaired by Deputy President Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, would scrutinise the technical committee's findings to decide on the appropriate action to be taken.

Sabbarudin said the disciplinary and management committee would have to meet more often now until party branch meetings and divisional delegates' conferences are over.

Branch annual meetings have been fixed from Feb 12 to March 15 and divisional delegates' conferences, March 12 to 29.

On the imminent clamouring for leadership of some divisions despite the Umno supreme council's endorsement of party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's advice against contest in the interests of party unity, Sabbaruddin said: "Umno members should not go against the current."

Asked on how the party would deal with those ignoring the Umno leadership's advice, he said: "There's no specific action. But then what's wrong with listening to the advice of the president and other party leaders."

Umno put party over personal interests or those of certain individuals only, Sabbaruddin added.-- BERNAMA

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