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BN SPECIAL MEETING GETS UNDER WAY

KUALA LUMPUR, July 5 (Bernama) -- A special meeting involving the secretaries-general of the 14 Barisan Nasional component parties was held today to discuss preparations and strategies for the next general election.

BN secretary-general Datuk Seri Mohamed Rahmat chaired the meeting at the Putra World Trade Centre, here.

The meeting came almost two weeks after the BN supreme council met on June 24, chaired by Prime Minister and BN chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Today's meeting was a follow-up to the June 24 meeting in which Dr Mahathir ordered the BN components of the governing coalition to activate the election machinery.

Dr Mahathir had said that the general election could be called at any time.

Dr Mahathir, who is also Umno president, had also said that he would personally decide on the final list of the BN candidates for the polls.

The term of the present Parliament ends in June next year. The last general election was held on April 24 and 25, 1995.

Today's meeting was also expected to discuss preparations for the BN's 25th anniversary celebration this year.

A committee headed by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi was set up on June 24 to organise the celebration.

The BN groups peninsula-based Umno, MCA, MIC, Gerakan and PPP while the parties from Sabah are LDP, Akar Bersatu, PDS, PBRS and SAPP and those in Sarawak are PBB, SUPP, PBDS and SNAP.

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