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DR MAHATHIR CHAIRS UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL'S MONTHLY MEETING

KUALA LUMPUR, March 17 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad tonight chaired the Umno Supreme Council's monthly meeting at the Putra World Trade Centre, here.

The meeting, scheduled to be held on March 8, had to be postponed because most of the Supreme Council members were in Sabah to assist the Barisan Nasional (BN) component parties in the state election held on March 12 and 13.

Among topics expected to be discussed at the meeting tonight is the success of Umno in the Sabah state election where the dominant party of the BN won all the 24 seats contested.

In the state election, the BN won 31 seats and the Parti Bersatu Sabah 17 seats.

Datuk Osu Sukam of Umno was appointed the Chief Minister. He took his oath of office on Monday.

The Supreme Council is also expected to decide on the membership of the Umno legal panel to be set up to scrutinise and take action against those making baseless allegations against the party, its leaders and the government.

Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Ibrahim Ali who is a Supreme Council member, recently said that a proposal paper for the setting up of the panel was ready and would be tabled at the Supreme Council meeting.

The setting up of the panel was announced by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi on Feb 6.

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