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GAG ORDER ON BN'S DEFEAT IN T'GGANU

KUALA TERENGGANU, Dec 11 (Bernama) -- The eight Umno divisions in Terengganu have been barred from issuing statements on the Barisan Nasional's (BN) defeat in the state in the Nov 29 general election.

State Umno Liaison secretary Datuk Tengku Mahmud Mansor said the gag order came into force with immediate effect to prevent any incidents or situations that could cause disunity among Umno members in the state.

He urged party members to be calm and not be emotional as it could hurt the feelings of leaders and members.

The State Umno was awaiting the post-mortem report from a special committee headed by former state executive councillor Datuk Abdul Rashid Ngah, he told reporters here.

The committee is expected to complete the report by end of this month, said the former Deputy Agriculture Minister who failed to retain the Setiu parliamentary seat.

BN only won in four of the 32 state seats and lost in all eight parliamentary constituencies in the election. The state seats won are Ajil, Kemasik, Seberang Takir and Telemung.

Rashid, who retained Seberang Takir, said on Thursday two Umno divisions have submitted their post-mortem reports while the remaining six are expected to do so in two weeks.

Tengku Mahmud also said the State Umno planned to meet Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad next month to brief him on the latest developments in the state Umno.

He said the State Umno Liaison Committee would meet end of this month to discuss party matters including the absence of representatives from the state in the new Cabinet line-up.

The meeting would also decide on the date to meet Dr Mahathir, he added.

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