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MORE UMNO BRANCHES SPROUTING UP IN SEVERAL STATES

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 4 (Bernama) -- More Umno branches are sprouting up in several states in what seems to be a reversal situation to claims by the opposition parties of Umno members deserting the party.

Umno Supreme Council (MT) in its meeting tonight had approved the setting up of 48 new branches.

Speaking to reporters after the meeting, President Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed said 23 of the branches are in Selangor, 14 in Kelantan, seven in Johor and two each in Pulau Pinang and Negeri Sembilan.

The MT also approved the setting up an Umno club for West Australia, he said.

He also said Umno divisions would continue to monitor slanderous remarks by PAS speakers against the party and its leaders in their ceramahs.

"If it necessitates legal action, we will act...," he said.

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