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UMNO HAS RECEIVED EX-SELANGOR MB'S LETTER

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 6 (Bernama) -- Former Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Muhammad Muhamad Taib submitted his letter to Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today informing him of his acquittal by the High Court on a charge of failing to declare all his and his family's assets.

Umno secretary-general Datuk Seri Sabbaruddin Chik said Muhammad, in his letter, asked that his leave as Umno vice-president be terminated and that he be allowed to active again in the party.

"A copy of the letter was also submitted to me," Sabbaruddin said after the Umno Management and Disciplinary Committee meeting, here.

He said the letter would be presented at the party's supreme council meeting on Friday and the council would decide whether or not to terminate Muhammad's leave.

He also said that the party did not propose to issue a directive prohibiting its members from organising breaking of fast functions during the month of Ramadan.

"Such a directive is not necessary because the party feels that the incidence of money politics is under control," he said.

Umno members were prohibited from organising breaking of fast functions two years ago to curb money politics and prevent members from using the function to promote themselves.

On Friday's supreme council meeting, Sabbaruddin said the management and disciplinary committee would propose that several more members be expelled for breaching the party discipline. However, he did not disclose their names.

The committee would also propose that only members who had paid their fees up to Dec 31 last year be allowed to attend the Umno general assembly scheduled for the middle of this year.

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