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UMNO MACHINERY PRIMED FOR POLLS

KUALA LUMPUR, June 17 (Bernama) -- Umno's election machinery throughout the country is ready to be fully activated the moment Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad announces the holding of the general election.

Umno secretary-general Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob said today that the party machinery at the state and divisional levels were all set in terms of logistics and manpower for the polls.

To boost preparations, the two-way system of feedback between party headquarters and states had been strengthened, he told reporters after meeting state Umno liaison committee secretaries here.

"This system has existed for a long time but since the general election is drawing nearer, it has been enhanced to incorporate matters like voter trend in every branch and division," he said.

Asked on the preparations made, Khalil said all branches and divisions had got ready posters and the lists of speakers on religion, politics and the economy.

He said all divisions and branches had also identified issues for their election ceramah.

Khalil said, however, the party's election machinery was regularly strengthened and the fine-tuning process would reach its peak in two weeks' time.

On the meeting, he said the state Umno secretaries outlined their strategies for the election and measures to strengthen the election operations rooms at all levels.

The views and feedback gathered would be discussed at the party's meetings to prepare for the election, he said.

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