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Umno-Defamation

UMNO TO CONDUCT SERIES OF INFORMATION SESSIONS

KUALA LUMPUR, July 6 (Bernama) -- Umno Committee on Defamation will hold a series of information sessions to counter allegations against the party and government, starting Friday in Section 19, Shah Alam, Selangor.

Committee's director of operations Datuk Mohamad Zin Mohamed said the speakers would include Umno veterans like Tan Sri Abdul Aziz Tapa and Osman Bakar.

He told reporters here today the move would be a follow-up to suggestion by Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on the need to explain and counter such allegations.

"It is also in line with the decision of the Supreme Council in its meeting yesterday to beef up efforts to provide information to the public," he said.

Mohamad Zin said the committee had received 174 tapes containing allegations against leaders in the government and party from Umno divisions and branches throughout the country.

He said the committee had heard and viewed 76 audio and video tapes and of the number, legal actions had been taken against 11 recordings.

Meanwhile, a report was lodged at the Dang Wangi Police Station last Friday by deputy head of Mentakab Umno division Kamaruzaman Yaakob against "Panji Masyarakat" for its report.

Kamaruzaman, who was present at the news conference, said there was no truth to the report associating him with former deputy president Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

"I was never interviewed by the magazine's writer," he said.

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