

Two Umno members sacked, three suspended for life

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KUALA LUMPUR, Mon: The Umno Supreme Council tonight sacked two party members who stood as opposition candidates in the general election and suspended the membership of three others for life.

Yusaili Alias from the Teluk Kepayang Hilir branch in Parit division was sacked for contesting under the opposition Parti Keadilan Nasional ticket for the Bota state seat in Perak.

Mohd Azmi Yusof, a Jalan Terkukur branch committee member in Kuala Terengganu, was sacked for contesting under a PAS ticket for the Bandar state seat.

Both won in the Nov 29

general election.

The decisions were announced by party vice-president Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, who chaired the council meeting in the absence of party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who is on a two-week holiday overseas.

He said those suspended for life are Azmi Khalid, Mohd Embong and Datuk Syed Omar Abu Bakar Abdullah.

He also confirmed that 64 members from the Sepang party division have been given show-cause letters for breach of discipline.

Abdullah added that the party's disciplinary and management committee is still compiling a list of those who have gone against party

interest.

He added that the necessary disciplinary action will be taken against them in the event they are found guilty.

Abdullah also said that the supreme council had advised Umno Youth and the Wanita not to hold any contest for their top two posts.

The supreme council has directed all party divisions to step up programmes connected with mosques and suraus throughout the country.

Abdullah said the religious bureau at the divisional level had been given this task.

"The central religious bureau will provide programmes related to mosque and surau activities for implementation by the divisional bureaux," he said.