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69 UMNO MEMBERS STAND TO BE EXPELLED, TWO FOR LIFE

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 5 (Bernama) -- The Umno Disciplinary Committee is to recommend to the party Supreme Council to sack 69 members, including two who contested as opposition candidates in the Nov 29 general election.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Haji Ahmad Badawi said the committee would recommend that two Umno members be sacked for life.

They are Usaili Alias who stood on Keadilan ticket for the state seat of Bota in Perak and Mohd Azmi Lop Yusoff who contested as PAS candidate in the state seat of Bandar in Terengganu, he told reporters after chairing meeting of the Management and Disciplinary Committee at Umno headquarters, here today.

Abdullah, who is performing the duties of Umno Deputy President, said the other 67 Umno members were found to have betrayed the party in the general election.

They included Azmi Salleh and Mohamad Embong from Terengganu who left to join PAS, and Datuk Syed Omar or Abu Bakar Abdullah, also from Terengganu, for campaigning for PAS.

The remaining 64 members were from Sepang Umno division.

Abdullah said more than 30 Umno members would also be given show-cause letters on why disciplinary action could not be taken against them.

Meanwhile, Umno Management Committee also discussed the preparations for the first party course to be held at the headquarters here on Jan 11.

He said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, in his capacity as Umno president, would be the main speaker at the one-day course for Supreme Council members and 65 representatives from state Umno liaison committees.

"The ceramah will touch on Umno struggle and deliberate on important issues facing the party," he said.

He said the course hopefully would serve as the foundation for a training curriculum for party members.

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