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APPOINTMENT OF UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL MEMBERS IS PREROGATIVE OF PRESIDENT

KOTA KINABALU, June 7 (Bernama) -- Any decision made by Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on the appointment of the 10 members into the Umno Supreme Council is his prerogative as party president, said Sabah Chief Minister Datuk Osu Sukam.

"Whatever is the decision of the president, we at the state level have to accept it," he told reporters after chairing the state cabinet meeting here today.

He was commenting on the statement by Dr Mahathir recently that indicated the possibility of a change in the tradition of appointing the Menteri Besar and Chief Ministers from Umno as Head of the respective State Umno Liaison Body.

The appointment of the 10 supreme council members is in addition to the 25 members elected at the Umno general assembly last month.

Dr Mahathir is expected to announce the appointment of the 10 supreme council members before the next council meeting.

At the Umno general assembly last month, Osu lost in the contest for the party vice presidency. He polled 629 votes.

He said any decision made by Dr Mahathir, who is also prime minister, would be in the best interest of the party and country.

On the cabinet meeting, he said the state government would immediately implement low-cost housing projects in several areas to meet the housing needs of the people in the state.

A total of 8,000 units of low-cost houses would be built in Kota Kinabalu, Kudat, Sandakan and Tawau, he said.

"District Officers in the areas concerned have been informed about the projects and the government does not expect any problem cropping up in the implementation of the projects," he said.

He said the ground-breaking ceremony for one of the projects would be held in the middle of the month.

The project worth about RM200 million would be financed by the federal government, Osu said.

The low-cost houses would only be rented out to the tenants until they could afford to buy their own home, he added.

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