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Disciplinary committee to study Gua Musang's move

PENANG, Tues. - The Umno management and disciplinary committee will study and submit its findings to the supreme council for a decision on Gua Musang division's move to leave nominations for vice-presidents to its division committee.

Umno secretary-general Tan Sri Mohd Khalil Yaacob today said the management committee that meets every Wednesday would submit a report to the supreme council to make a final decision on this new development.

On March 31, the Gua Musang division nominated Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi for the posts of president and deputy president, respectively.

However, the divisional meeting was reported to have not made any nominations for the three vice-presidents but "entrusted" the matter to the division committee.

Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah is its division chief. With 16 nominations so far, he is short of one more nomination to be eligible to run for one of the three vice-presidents' post.

Yesterday, deputy president Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi had described the move as "unprecedented as nominations must be complete".

Khalil had been recently quoted as having said that all nominations must be made by the delegates at the divisional meetings.

Asked to comment further, he said: "I learnt it from the newsreport ... I cannot give my views as I only see it as a technicality that must be studied from all aspects."

Khalil, who is also Information Minister, was speaking to reporters after paying a working visit to the Northern Region Broadcasting Station at RTM Penang along Jalan Burma.

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