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JOHOR UMNO DRAWS UP AGENDA TO CHECK OPPOSITION

JOHOR BAHARU, July 28 (Bernama) -- The Johor Umno will draw up an agenda to stop the opposition, especially PAS, from spreading its influence in the state.

Johor Umno liaison chairman Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman said the effort would be a continuous one until the next general election and the first step was to strengthen unity among the state Umno leaders.

"We do not treat the opposition's efforts to penetrate Johor lightly," he told a media conference after chairing the Johor Umno liaison committee meeting, here, last night.

The Barisan Nasional (BN) swept all the 20 parliamentary and 40 state seats in Johor in the general election last year but Abdul Ghani said the state Umno would not be complacent.

Asked what the Johor Umno was doing about opposition parties using the mosques to campaign, he said such a thing did not happen in Johor.

Abdul Ghani also said that the Johor Umno conviction to be held in Batu Pahat on Sept 9 would be opened by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi while Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad would open a two-day gathering of Umno branch leaders at Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) starting on Nov 4.

He also re-appointed Tebrau MP and Tebrau Umno division chairman Datuk Ali Hassan as Johor Umno secretary and Datuk Zainalabidin Mohamed Zin and Mohamed Khaled Nordin as treasurer and information chief respectively.

Zainalabidin is Johor state assembly speaker and Batu Pahat Umno division chairman while Mohamed Khaled is Deputy Works Minister and Johor Baharu Umno division deputy chairman.

The meeting was the first since the appointment of Abdul Ghani as Johor Umno liaison chairman and Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, the Pagoh Umno division chief, as deputy chairman by Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad early this month.

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