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MAHATHIR CHAIRS UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING

KUALA LUMPUR, March 6 (Bernama) -- Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today chaired the Umno Supreme Council (MT) meeting at the party's headquarters here.

Also present was Umno vice-president Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi who is performing the duties of deputy president.

The meeting, which started at 2.45pm, is expected to discuss the decision of Tawau Umno division which only nominated two instead of three vice-presidency candidates for the party's election in May.

The division, the first to hold its delegates conference, nominated Chief Minister Datuk Osu Sukam and Negeri Sembilan Menteri Besar Tan Sri Mohd Isa Abdul Samad for the vice-presidency race.

According to the party's nomination procedures, each division is required to nominate three names for the posts as stated in the nomination form.

Last Friday, Umno secretary-general Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob was reported to have said that all Umno divisions must provide the required number of nominations to avoid being rejected.

Today's meeting is also expected to discuss the divisional delegates meetings which started on March 1. So far, 16 divisions have held their respective meetings.

All the 16 divisions have agreed to nominate Dr Mahathir as president and Abdullah as deputy president in line with the advice of MT that the two posts should not be contested.

Today's meeting might also discuss the Barisan Nasional (BN)'s preparations for the Sanggang by-election following the death of its representative Datuk Abdullah Kia last month.

Pahang Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob said he would forward eight potential candidates from the Mentakab Umno division to Dr Mahathir for consideration.

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