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MAHATHIR CHAIRS UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 1 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister and Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad chaired the party's Supreme Council meeting at the Umno headquarters in Menara Datuk Onn of the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) here today.

The meeting, starting at 3pm, was the council's first since the party's special general assembly on Nov 18 which deliberated and passed 49 amendments to the Umno constitution.

The amendments, among other things, paved the way to the establishment of Puteri Umno, an offshoot of the party's women's wing and sought to have triennial elections for party branches, just like divisional and Supreme Council elections.

Today's meeting was also expected to discuss last Wednesday's by-election for the Lunas state legislature seat in Kedah which the Barisan Nasional failed to retain, losing narrowly to Keadilan by 530 votes.

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