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MUSA HAILS PROPOSAL ON SUPREME COUNCIL ELECTIONS

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 31 (Bernama) -- The proposal to have the Umno Supreme Council elections every four or five years will curb excessive politicking in the party, Education Minister Tan Sri Musa Mohamad, who is a Supreme Council member, said today.

"This is a good proposal because if we have elections every three years like now, (party) office bearers and aspirants will be busy lobbying without doing anything to strengthen the party," he told reporters after opening a seminar on the "Merger Concept Among Private Higher Learning Centres", in Subang, near here.

He said at present a lot of Umno leaders wasted time searching for support knowing that the elections were just around the corner.

"Overall, I feel it's a good move and I hope it will be endorsed by the Umno general assembly next month," he added.

Yesterday, Prime Minister and Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, after the party's Supreme Council meeting, told reporters that the council had endorsed a proposal for the Supreme Council elections to be held once every four or five years according to the term of Parliament.

It was also agreed, among other things, that the elections would be held within 12 months of a general election.

The proposal will be tabled at the Umno special general assembly fixed for Nov 18 to consider amendments to the party constitution.

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