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P.PINANG NOMINATE MAHATHIR AS PRESIDENT, ABDULLAH AS DEPUTY

PULAU PINANG, Jan 25 (Bernama) -- Pulau Pinang Umno today agreed unanimously to nominate Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad as Umno president in the party election in May.

Deputy chairman of the state Umno liaison body Datuk Seri Shariff Omar said all Umno divisions as well as the state Umno Youth and Wanita movements also agreed to nominate Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi for the post of party deputy president.

Abdullah is chairman of the state Umno liaison body and is now performing the duties of party deputy president.

Shariff said the decision was arrived at the meeting chaired by him here today.

Speaking to reporters later, he said the meeting unanimously agreed with the advise of the Umno Supreme Council (MT) recently that there should be no contest for the top two posts in the party.

Abdullah, who was also present at the press conference, said the Pulau Pinang Umno liaison body agreed to submit to the Supreme Council particularly the party management committee the cases of Umno members which had yet to be decided concerning their activities which were against the interest of the party or Barisan Nasional during the last general election.

He said there were still many such cases at the Umno headquarters in Kuala Lumpur and it would take time to settle.

"However, members who have not received punishment from the MT still have the right to attend meetings held by their respective branches," he said.

On the members of Permatang Pauh Umno division who were alleged to have abandoned the party's interest in the general election last November, Abdullah said party headquarters would take action against them soon.

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