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Supreme council expels five, two members for life

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. - The Umno supreme council decided to expel for life two members for contesting as Opposition candidates in the Nov 29 general election, while three others were also expelled.

Party vice-president Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, who chaired the meeting, said the two who were expelled for life were Yusaili Alias, who contested as a Parti Keadilan Nasional candidate in the Bota constituency in Perak and Mohd Azmi Lup Yusuf who contested the Bandar State seat in Terengganu under Pas.

The three others who were expelled but who can appeal for reinstatement after three years were Azmi Salleh, Mohd Embong and Datuk Syed Omar Abu Bakar Abdullah.

Abdullah, who is discharging the duties of party deputy president, said that 64 members of the Sepang division in Selangor were also issued showcause letters for anti-party activities.

He chaired the meeting as party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is overseas on leave.

Abdullah said that the meeting also discussed follow-up measures regarding Dr Mahathir's talk with party information trainers on the party's struggle, held at Putrajaya last week.

State liaison committees were also instructed to conduct further ceramah using the trainers.

The supreme council also discussed programmes to increase activities at mosques and surau.

"The State liaison committees play an important role in this matter.

"We also decided that the respective bureaus at division-levels must enhance their activities," Abdullah said.

Further efforts to clarify government policy to civil servants was also discussed, as Abdullah said many government employees were still unclear on the subject.

The Wanita Umno and Umno Youth heads and acting head respectively also informed the supreme council that the movements' had accepted the advice of the supreme council on no-contest for the president and deputy president positions.

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