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SUPREME COUNCIL DISCUSSES UMNO CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS DRAFT

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 16 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister and Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad chaired a party Supreme Council meeting at the Umno headquarters at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) here today.

Starting at 2.30 pm, the meeting was expected to discuss, among other things, the first draft of amendments to the Umno constitution and establishment of the proposed Puteri Umno, an off-shoot of the party women's wing.

The meeting was also expected to fix the date for the party's special general assembly to discuss the constitutional amendments.

Yesterday, party vice-president and constitutional amendment committee chairman Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said one proposal contained in the draft was for Umno to hold party elections for all levels simultaneously after the general election.

He had also said that another called for the abolition of the nomination system and instead, for Umno to adopt a registration system for those intending to contest for party positions.

Wanita Umno was expected to enlighten the council on its proposals that the Puteri Umno chief be appointed a council member but not of the level of a party vice president, among other things.

The council was also expected to discuss the much-touted debate on Malay special rights between Umno Youth chief Datuk Hishamuddin Tun Hussein and his PAS Youth counterpart Mahfuz Omar.

Dr Mahathir had said he agreed that the debate be held and described it as necessary to explain the issue of Malay special rights and privileges to the people.

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