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UMNO DIVISIONS TOLD TO INTENSIFY RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 18 (Bernama) -- The Umno Supreme Council (MT) has directed all Umno divisions to step up programmes connected with mosques and suraus throughout the country.

Umno vice-president Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said the religious bureau at the divisional level had been given this task.

"The central religious bureau will provide programmes related to mosque and surau activities for implementation by the divisional bureau," Abdullah told a press conference after chairing the MT meeting here last night.

Abdullah, who is performing the duties of the deputy president, presided over the meeting because Prime Minister and party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is overseas on holidays and a working trip.

Abdullah said divisional level bureaus on education, labour, information and other matters had also been told to intensify their activities.

Abdullah said the MT also decided to make efforts to explain government policies to government officers.

"This is because it was found that some government officers did not understand policies which have been implemented all this while," he said.

Abdullah said the MT also agreed that state Umno liaison bodies conduct courses on the rehabilitation and strengthening of Umno by using manpower which had been trained.

This was a follow-up to the leadership session held by Dr Mahathir before he left for overseas last week, he said.

At that session with 100 Umno leaders from throughout the country, Dr Mahathir said party leaders and members should return to the party's original struggle without attaching importance to individuals.

Abdullah also announced the MT's approval for the setting up of 14 new branches throughout the country.

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