

Bakri Umno vice-chairman faces action for false reports

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MUAR: The Bakri Umno division has taken disciplinary action against its vice-chairman Amat Saat Amat for allegedly submitting false reports to the party headquarters.

The division decided at a meeting here on Wednesday to take the case to the Umno supreme council to decide on the matter.

Amat had alleged that 11 branches in the division had held their meetings at the home of division chief Datuk Mazlan Abu on March 3.

He submitted his reports to party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, deputy president Datuk Seri Abdullah

Ahmad Badawi and the three Umno vice-presidents.

Mazlan said yesterday the reports were slanderous and had damaged his name as a division leader.

Mazlan said the reports were not true as only six branches held their general meetings at his house, adding that they were carried out according to party regulations.

He said he allowed the meetings because one of them — the Sri Maharani branch — was his own branch.

Two others — Taman Medan and Taman Marin branches — were headed by his sons, Sulaiman and Othman respectively, he said.

The others included Taman

Fajar, headed by Mazlan's brother-in-law Zainal Yahya and Sri Andalas, headed by Mazlan's nephew, Roslan Manap.

Mazlan said the sixth branch — Ikatan Murni, which was formerly part of the bigger Sinar Baru branch — held its meeting at his house because the branch had no suitable place to hold its meeting.

Mazlan explained that since four of the branches were headed by his relatives and they lacked money to provide food and a suitable meeting place, he decided to accommodate them to save money.