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AKAR SUPREME COUNCIL TO MEET ON THURSDAY

KOTA KINABALU, March 3 (Bernama) -- The Angkatan Keadilan Rakyat (Akar) Supreme Council will meet here on Thursday with the party's future direction believed to be top on the agenda.

Akar president Datuk Pandikar Amin Mulia, who is also Minister in the Prime Minister's Department, said the meeting "may or may not" come up with any major decisions.

"Every meeting is to decide on something," he said after opening a hangar facility, a joint venture between Sabah Flying Club and Miri-based air operator Layang Layang Aerospace Sdn Bhd, here today.

Asked about major topics to be discussed at the meeting, Pandikar Amin said: "It may be a major thing to us but not to others".

At the party's congress in November last year, most of the delegates gave Pandikar Amin the mandate to decide on the party's future -- if it should continue under the present platform or to dissolve with the members joining other BN component parties.

Pandikar Amin was reported to have said last month that he would be meeting the party's Supreme Council members to discuss the matter further.

Asked about Akar's stand on the rotation system for the Sabah Chief Minister's post, he said the party's views have been conveyed to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The system of rotating the Chief Minister's post among the three main communities in the state was introduced in 1994.

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