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SANCTIONED MEMBERS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO APPEAL, SAYS ONE

IPOH, May 8 (Bernama) -- Umno members sanctioned by the party's disciplinary board should be allowed to make appeals, said one of those affected.

Gopeng Umno division information chief Mohamad Annuar Baharuddin said this is to allow them to clear their names.

"It is for us to present our cases. The Umno Supreme Council should hear us out since some of the accusations were complots aimed at our removals," he said when contacted in Kuala Lumpur today.

The board, on Saturday, found six Umno members guilty of indulging in money politics during the recent divisional elections and suspended them from contesting or holding party posts for six years.

Party president and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday said the disciplinary board's decision was final although those involved could still lodge appeals.

Other than Mohamad Annuar, the five others found guilty are Gopeng division chief Mustafa Kamal Mohd Nawawi, candidate for deputy chief of Bagan Serai division Zaki Din, Baling division chief Datuk Zainal Mohd Isa, Selayang division information chief Rahmat Abdullah and Muar division chief Datuk Abdullah Omar.

Mohamad Annuar, who has served Umno for 22 years, said he personally submitted his appeal to the party headquarters in Kuala Lumpur today.

Mustafa Kamal and Zaki could not be contacted for their comments.

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