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UMNO: MORE THAN 800 DELEGATES ATTEND PRESIDENTIAL BRIEFING

KUALA LUMPUR, JUN 19 (Bernama) -- More than 800 delegates today attended the closed-door briefing by Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in conjunction with the party's general assembly beginning tomorrow.

A division head, when met after the briefing, said Dr Mahathir stressed on the importance of unity in the party and urged delegates to reject money politics at the briefing.

Mohamad Noor Husein, Jelutong division head, said the party president also urged members to accept the decision of the Disciplinary Board concerning several division leaders found guilty of indulging in money politics.

At the briefing held at the Dewan Merdeka, Putra World Trade Centre, here each Umno division was only allowed to send eight delegates to hear the message from Dr Mahathir.

The assembly starts tomorrow for the Youth and Wanita movements followed by the main assembly from Thursday to Saturday.

The 55th Umno general assembly is expected to be attended by 2,027 members from 165 Umno divisions throughout the country.

Earlier, the prime minister officiated the Umno Gallery at the PWTC Hall lobby where he spent about 15 minutes visiting and appreciating the pictures of leaders involved in the Umno struggles before and after the independence.

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