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UMNO TO STATE STAND ON UNITY TALKS AT TECHNICAL MEETING

KUALA LUMPUR, March 31 (Bernama) -- Umno will state if it wants to proceed with the proposed Malay unity talks with PAS at the coming technical committee meeting between the parties, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

"We will state our stand when the technical committees meet," the Prime Minister and Umno president told a press conference after chairing an Umno Supreme Council meeting.

Dr Mahathir, however, did not say when the technical committees of the two parties would meet.

They were originally scheduled to meet last Tuesday but the meeting was put off at the request of PAS.

The technical committees have been given the task of laying the groundwork for a meeting between the leaders of Umno and PAS to discuss Malay unity.

At the press conference, Dr Mahathir also produced several PAS cassette tapes to show that the opposition party was still active with its campaign to run down Umno.

"While we (Umno) have cut down on our campaigns so as to create a conducive atmosphere to hold the meeting on Malay unity, they are carrying on with their campaign," he said.

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