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UMNO MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS ASKED TO GO DOWN TO THE FIELD

KUALA LUMPUR, May 9 (Bernama) -- All Umno Management Committee members, especially the party's vice-presidents, have been asked to attend meetings held by the Umno information bureaux nationwide.

Umno deputy president Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said the decision to go down to the field, which was made at the committee's meeting today, was to ensure that the newly-elected divisional committees were given ample advice on party activities.

He said it would also enable them to hold discussions with the bureau members to ensure smooth conduct of activities at the divisional level.

Divisional-level activities must also cover all aspects and not just those related to party administration, he said after chairing the two-hour meeting at Menara Dato Onn here.

Abdullah also wanted all the activities to be reported to the Umno headquarters.

"We want to know what are the activities carried out by the divisions," he said.

He was also asked to comment on Bagan Serai Umno division chairman Datuk Zainal Abidin Zain's call to the party yesterday to take stern action against members who made false claims about money politics to prevent a recurrence of such incidents.

He said action would be taken against those who made false claims.

"Those who make wild and baseless allegations may have action taken against them to prevent the Disciplinary Board from being used as a forum to hurl allegations," he said.

Abdullah also said that Cheras Umno division chairman Datuk Syed Ali Alhabshee would be the Federal Territory Umno liaison body's representative to help supervise the problematic Bukit Bintang Umno division elections.

Asked when the meeting would be held, he said he hoped it would be held as soon as possible.

On the party's 55th anniversary celebration on Friday, he said Prime Minister and Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad would have a dialogue with Umno veterans from throughout the country.

He hoped that the members at all levels would hold a thanksgiving to commemorate Umno's birth.

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