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Umno supreme council to discuss outcome

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - The outcome of Thursday's meeting between the technical committees of Umno and Pas will be brought to Umno's supreme council for deliberation.

The council, scheduled to meet next at Umno headquarters here on Saturday, is expected to decide on any formal proposal Pas may make on the planned Malay-unity talks.

A source said today that Umno secretary-general, Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob, who will head the party's technical committee, will brief the supreme council on Thursday's meeting.

The source added that Pas' insistence that the scope of discussions be expanded to cover national unity is the likely reason for the matter to be taken before Umno's supreme council for deliberation.

The council meeting is expected to be chaired by Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Pas secretary-general Nasharudin Mat Isa said yesterday he would make formal suggestions in the technical committee meeting this Thursday.

One suggestion is to have the unity talks attended by a five-member delegation from each party, headed by their presidents (Dr Mahathir for Umno and Datuk Fadzil Noor for Pas).

Pas' technical committee is headed by Nasharudin. Members include political secretary to the Opposition leader Dr Hatta Ramli, Harakah managing editor Dr Hishamuddin Yahya and Pas Pahang State liaison secretary Dr Abdul Wahab Ismail.

Umno has yet to name the other members of its technical committee.

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