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UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL ENDORSES RITHAUDDEEN'S CHAIRMANSHIP

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 12 (Bernama) -- The Umno Supreme Council, which met today, has endorsed the appointment of party stalwart Tengku Ahmad Rithauddeen as chairman of the newly-formed Umno Disciplinary Board.

Deputy Prime Minister and party deputy president Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said the names of the other board members would be announced upon them being notified of their appointment.

"We have to get their acceptance of the appointment to the board first," Abdullah told reporters after the council's three-hour-long meeting chaired by Prime Minister and party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the Umno headquarters here.

Last Jan 3, Abdullah announced that former foreign minister Tengku Rithauddeen and a few other names proposed to sit on the board would be submitted to the Supreme Council for endorsement.

The Disciplinary Board was created following amendments to the Umno constitution passed by a special general assembly last year.

Kelantan-born Tengku Rithauddeen, 64, was the MP for Kota Baharu from 1969 to 1990 and an Umno vice-president from 1981 to 1987.

He had also held several Cabinet portfolios from 1973 to 1990.

Abdullah also disclosed that Umno branch meetings would commence from March.

Party branches would have to settle their subscriptions before the end of January, he added.

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