

Umno assembly from June 20 to 22

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KUALA LUMPUR: The Umno general assembly will be held from June 20 to 22, preceded by the general meeting of the Youth and Wanita wings on June 19.

Announcing this yesterday, party deputy president Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said among the focus of this year's meeting would be the issues of religious extremism and terrorism.

"Extremism and terrorism are two of the most important topics this year. However, it is still too early to know whether there is a need for a special resolution on the topics.

"We will discuss with the party president (Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad) to find out about the focus of his address this year. If it touches on the two topics, then proba-

by they can be discussed extensively during the debate on the presidential address without having to introduce a specific resolution on them," he told reporters after chairing the party management committee meeting here.

He said the matter would be decided later by the resolutions committee which is headed by party vice-president Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

Abdullah said Umno would also extend invitations to various countries, especially Muslim nations, to attend the opening of the assembly as observers.

Asked about the appeals by members whose rights had been suspended for being involved in money politics in last year's division election, Abdullah said the party's appeal panel had already

concluded their investigations and filed their recommendations.

However, he refused to divulge the details of the panel's findings as they must be endorsed by the supreme council before they are made public.

"The appeal panel only carried out investigations and made recommendations. The final decision rests with the supreme council which will sit as the Board of Appeal," he said, adding that 27 members who were found guilty by the party's disciplinary board last year, had appealed.

Abdullah added that those who had appealed against the disciplinary board's decision included all division heads who had been suspended for breaching discipline and Umno's code of ethics.