

PM to name new Umno info chief soon

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KUALA SELANGOR, Sun. — The new Umno information chief will be named soon by party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, deputy president Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said today.

The post was vacated after Datuk Mustapa Mohamed resigned to concentrate on his post as head of the Kelantan Umno liaison committee.

Asked if the candidate would be chosen from among the current supreme council members or those who are ministers or in ministerial posts, Abdullah said it would be the party president's decision.

On the qualifications for the job, he said: "Definitely, we want someone who can do the job and he has to be an Umno member."

He said this after opening the Kuala Selangor Umno division meeting.

On allegations by a tabloid against Puteri Umno pro-tern chief Azalina Othman, Abdullah said the party would not react to such matters.

He said it was not necessary for the supreme council to ask her for an explanation.

Later, 303 ex-Pas and Parti Keadilan Nasional members submitted their applications to join Umno. Several more former Pas and Keadilan members led by former Tanjung Karang Keadilan chief Che Mee Aree Khan handed over application forms to join Umno to Abdullah at the Tanjung Karang division meeting.