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Umno supreme council to meet tomorrow over 27 appeal cases

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - A special Umno supreme council meeting is scheduled to be held on Saturday to decide on 27 appeal cases involving party members who were found guilty of violating party regulations during the April and May divisional elections last year.

Umno working secretary Datuk Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor said today party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad would chair the meeting.

The members were found guilty by the party's disciplinary committee. Then a special appeals secretariat was set up to hear their appeal and to carry out findings to be submitted to the supreme council.

The secretariat is headed by Datuk Zuki Kamaluddin.

In September last year, 13 Umno officials, including two assemblymen, were found guilty by the disciplinary board of misconduct during the April and May divisional elections.

Of the 13, four have been suspended from either electing, being elected or being appointed to any party position.

In August, eight Umno divisional and branch leaders were stripped of their posts for offences relating to money politics during the last party elections.

They included Umno supreme council member and Bukit Bintang division head Datuk Abdul Azim Mohd Zabidi and Pasir Puteh division head Kamaruddin Mohd Nor.

The others are Kuantan vice-head Datuk Faisal Abdullah, former Ipoh Timur head Datuk Yahya Shafie, Bukit Bintang secretary Datuk Ruslan Omar, branch head Mohd Zahar Mohd Sohor @ Mat Nor (Kuantan), branch head Abas Kassim (Kuantan) and Mokhtar Ismail (Pasir Puteh division).

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