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DR MAHATHIR CHAIRS UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 24 (Bernama) -- The Prime Minister and Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today chaired a meeting of the party's Supreme Council at its headquarters at the Datuk Onn Tower of the Putra World Trade Centre here.

The meeting was expected to discuss and decide on appeals by party members penalised by the Umno disciplinary board for violating party rules and allegedly resorting to money politics in last year's Umno elections.

Umno executive secretary Senator Tengku Datuk Adnan Tengku Mansor said earlier this month that the council would decide on the appeals handled by independently by the appellate secretariat.

According to Tengku Adnan, the secretariat had, up to Jan 5, received appeals from 27 penalised members.

According to newspaper reports, altogether 41 Umno members were suspended or reprimanded by the board, including a Supreme Council member and 13 division chiefs.

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