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PM TO NAME NEW UMNO INFO CHIEF AFTER MT MEETING

KUALA SELANGOR, April 28 (Bernama) -- The Prime Minister and Umno President Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will announce the name of the new Umno Information Chief after the next party Supreme Council (MT) meeting, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said today.

Asked if the person would be from among MT members, Abdullah who is the party deputy president, said, "They need only be Umno members. We will select the person from among those who can work efficiently."

"The Umno President has enough options and the selection need not be limited to those who are MT members," he told reporters after opening the Kuala Selangor Umno Division delegates conference at the Kuala Selangor Umno Building.

The post became vacant following the resignation of Datuk Mustapa Mohamed on April 12 so that he could fully focus on his duties as Kelantan Umno Chief.

On another issue, the Umno Deputy President said Puteri Umno Pro tem head, Azalina Othman Said, need not be hauled up for an explanation on a tabloid report about her private life.

The report quoted Wanita Keadilan as urging Azalina to repent and resign her post or take legal action against the tabloid concerned.

Abdullah said it was left entirely to Azalina to take the next course of action.

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