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UMNO GENERAL ASSEMBLY ENTERS FINAL DAY

KUALA LUMPUR, June 22 (Bernama) -- The Umno general assembly at the Putra World Trade Centre, here, entered its third and final today with the tabling of motions on religion and social issues.

Yesterday the delegates concentrated on the education motion which, among others, supports the government's move to strengthen the command of English in the school education system without affecting the position of the Malay language.

Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, in his speech when opening the assembly on Thursday, touched on the future of the Malays, disunity among them, the PAS-style hudud laws and terrorism facing the world.

He also explained Malaysia's status as an Islamic state and expressed concern on the negative effects of divorce in many Malay families.

Dr Mahathir, deputy president Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and several supreme council members will wind up the debate this afternoon.

A total of 2,033 delegates are attending the assembly.

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