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JELUTONG UMNO HEAD THANKFUL FOR WITHDRAWAL OF PUNISHMENT

PENANG, March 10 (Bernama) -- Jelutong Umno division head Mohd Noor Hussain, who was suspended from his post since last year, described the decision to clear him from the charges of malpractice as a very important lesson in his political career.

He said the announcement by party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad that the Umno Supreme Council had agreed to withdraw the disciplinary action on the seven party leaders was truly a relief.

Mohd Noor was one of the division leaders who was said to have been forgiven after the appeals committee scrutinised his case. He was alleged to have been involved in malpractices during the divisional election last year.

"I am extremely grateful to God and thank the Prime Minister (Dr Mahathir) and his deputy, Supreme Council members and Umno leaders for giving me a chance to continue to lead the Jelutong division," he said.

Dr Mahathir said yesterday that the Supreme Council had decided that the punishment imposed by the Disciplinary Board on seven party leaders and members last year had been revoked by the appeals committee.

Mohd Noor said although he had yet to receive the official letter on his clearance, he had received a telephone call from the Umno office informing him on the matter.

"I will call a divisional meeting soon and am thankful to Deputy Chief Minister Datuk Dr Hilmi Yahaya who had carried out his duties as division coordinator during his suspension," he said.

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