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PUTERI UMNO ELECTIONS FIXED FOR NOV 2

KUALA LUMPUR, July 24 (Bernama) -- The Umno supreme council today fixed Nov 2 for the Puteri Umno national elections.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, who is also Umno deputy president, said this would be preceded by the branch elections from Aug 1 to 15 and the divisional elections from Sept 16 to Oct 15.

"Puteri Umno's pro tem status will end with the meetings and elections," he told a media conference after the supreme council meeting chaired by Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, here.

Abdullah, who is also chairman of the party's management committee, said the branch, divisional and national elections were being held following amendments to the Umno constitution last month to confirm Puteri Umno as a new entity.

Puteri Umno is now led by pro tem chief Azalina Othman Said. The status of the Puteri Umno chief in the supreme council is that of the vice-president.

Membership in the movement is open to Malay women aged between 18 and 35, and up to 40 for its chief.

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