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Abdullah: No decision on Umno elections

PUTRAJAYA, Mon. - Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said today the Umno supreme council has yet to discuss whether the election for the party's highest decision-making body, scheduled for next year, is to be postponed.

"No, we have yet to discuss it. I cannot comment based on speculation," the Umno deputy president said.

Abdullah, who is also Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister, was speaking to reporters after the ministry's monthly gathering.

He was asked to comment on a news report which quoted a senior Umno leader as saying that the election was almost sure to be postponed until after the next general election.

The report, which did not name the senior party leader, said the move was to smoothen the leadership transition from Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to Abdullah after October next year.