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Mahathir-Quota

DR M: JOHOR UMNO CONVENTION DID NOT REJECT 10 PCT QUOTA FOR NON-BUMIS

KUALA LUMPUR, June 19 (Bernama) -- The recent Johor Umno Convention did not pass a resolution rejecting the 10 per cent quota for non-Bumiputera students in Mara Junior Science Colleges (MRSMs) and matriculation programme, Prime Minister and Umno President Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said tonight.

He said a tabloid newspaper's report on the matter was not true.

"I received reports from Datuk (Abdul) Ghani Othman (Johor Menteri Besar) (Umno Youth chief) Datuk Hishammuddin (Tun Hussein) and (Umno vice-president Tan Sri) Muhyiddin Yassin. They said there is no such thing," he told reporters after chairing the party's supreme council meeting.

He also said there would be no additional motions apart from the three original motions tabled at the three-day 56th Umno General Assembly beginning tomorrow.

The motions are on the presidential address, education and religion/social.

Dr Mahathir also said Hishammuddin and Wanita Umno chief Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz informed the supreme council tonight that the two movements fully supported the government's new approach on education.

This include giving a 10 per cent quota for non-Bumiputera students in MRSMs and matriculation programme and the use of English to teach science and mathematics in primary and secondary schools from next year.

The Umno Youth and Wanita movements held their assemblies at the Putra World Trade Centre here today.

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