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SNAP TO HOLD EGM ON AUG 11

KUCHING, June 23 (Bernama) -- The Sarawak National Party (SNAP) national council meeting today unanimously endorsed the party extraordinary general meeting (EGM) to be held on Aug 11.

Sixty of the 82 divisions supported the motion to convene the EGM.

The council also passed a motion appointing Datuk Sri Peter Tinggom as the party's acting president, Datuk William Mawan as senior vice-president and Dr Judson Tagal as secretary-general.

The council declared null and void the Central Executive Committee (CEC) meetings on April 20 and June 7 chaired by SNAP president Datuk Amar James Wong and endorsed the May 29 CEC meeting presided by Tinggom.

Tinggom told a press conference later he would soon fill the posts left vacant by Mawan and Dr Judson.

The council also reinstated Bintulu MP Datuk Seri Tiong King Sing as a party member. He was expelled by Wong in May for failing to honour an election promise.

Tinggom said the council passed a motion under Article 8 of the party constitution to censure Wong, senior vice-president Richard Wong, secretary-general Datuk Justine Jinggut, deputy secretary-general Stanley Jugol and assistant secretary-general Dennis Liew.

They claimed the five office bearers were only interested in pushing on the Wong's dynasty and have failed to discharge their duties in collectively resolving the party leadership crisis which had brought disrepute and had marred the party's image.

He said his group would give Wong and Justine six weeks from now to vacate the party headquarters.

Tinggom also said the council started its meeting only at 9.30am after Wong and Justine failed to turn up despite being invited.

"This is a family affair. We'll not go to court. I hope Wong's group will also not go to court. That's why we convened the national council meeting to resolve the leadership crisis," he said.

Mawan said the Tinggom-led pro tem committee would submit the council's resolutions to the Registrar of Societies, state and federal BN leadership.

The council, among others, pledged full support to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to continue leading the country, Umno and BN.

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