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DATE FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL BE DECIDED AFTER MEETINGS OF BRANCHES
AND DIVISIONS

KEPALA BATAS, Feb 16 (Bernama) -- The date of the Umno general assembly will be decided after the branches and divisions have had their respective meetings, said Umno secretary-general Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob today.

He said the matter could be included in the agenda for the Umno Supreme Council (MT) meeting.

It could also discuss a suggestion to hold the general assembly in October instead of June, he told reporters after opening simultaneously meetings of Umno branches in Kepala Batas Division here.

Khalil, who was representing Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, who is also Kepala Batas divisional head at the function, was asked to comment the suggestion from several quarters for the general assembly be held in October as the last important event for Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad before he stepped down.

Khalil also said Umno should act fast in formulating strategies for the next general election to ensure solid support to the party in particular and the Barisan Nasional (BN) in general, such as on the issue of the Sekolah Agama Rakyat (SAR) and the use of English to teach Science and Mathematics.

"We don't want PAS to exploit these issues to weaken Umno," he said.

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