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DR MAHATHIR TO MAKE KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT UMNO'S 57TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION

KUALA LUMPUR, May 8 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's speech will be the highlight of Umno's 57th anniversary celebration this Sunday.

The Umno president will address about 40,000 party members and supporters at Stadium Merdeka, here.

Umno executive secretary Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor said today Dr Mahathir was expected to touch on the party's direction as champion of the Malays and the country in keeping with the theme, "Perjuangan Sebuah Bangsa" (Struggle of A Race).

"The prime minister will also touch on the struggle for a Malaysian race to remind the young generation of the history of the nation's struggle for independence," he told a media conference on the celebration, here.

The celebration, to be held before the Umno general assembly on June 18-20, would be telecast live by Radio Televisyen Malaysia (RTM).

Tengku Adnan said other events to be held that night include an entertainment programme, a show by parachutists and paragliders carrying the Umno president's picture and the party flag and a fireworks display.

He said the states would be celebrating with thanksgiving ceremonies in the run up to the general assembly.

On another matter, he said all Umno divisions had held their delegates meetings, except Kubang Pasu, which had been given permission to hold its meeting on May 23.

"So far, there has been no problem at the divisional meetings and the headquarters has not received any objections because the meetings were held in accordance with the rules set by the party secretary-general," he said.

On the fracas at the Kulim/Bandar Baru delegates, Tengku Adnan said Umno Youth leader Datuk Hishammuddin Tun Hussein had been directed to resolve the matter as it was a Youth problem and the party headquarters would not interfere unless necessary.

At the meeting on April 25, there was a misunderstanding between the Youth section and the divisional leaders over the conduct of the meeting.

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