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EDUCATION,RELIGION,ECONOMY ISSUES FOR UMNO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

PETALING JAYA, June 1 (Bernama) -- Education, religion and the economy will be among the important issues which will be debated at the five-day Umno General Assembly beginning on June 17, Umno Deputy President Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said today.

These three issues were important as many changes had taken place over the past year involving the three matters, he said.

For instance, the war on Iraq and the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) had a negative effect on the national and world economy, Abdullah said.

The Deputy Prime Minister said the economic stimulus package announced by the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad would also be discussed at the assembly.

"I believe the Umno General Assembly will debate this issue and give its full support," he said when asked about the preparations for the general assembly.

Earlier Abdullah closed the 32nd Conference of State Assembly Speakers here.

Abdullah hoped the delegates to the General Assembly would give their attention to these issues and be given the opportunity to speak on these issues.

On preparations for the assembly, he said these were going on smoothly and the committee on motions was busy drafting them and these would be forwarded to the Umno Supreme Council for approval.

Abdullah also said there would be a motion of thanks to the president for his policy address.

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