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PM'S LAST MESSAGE AT UMNO ASSEMBLY ON OCT 30

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 13 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is expected to deliver his last message as Umno president at the party's general assembly on Oct 30.

Umno secretary-general Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob said so far it had not been ascertained in what form the message from the Prime Minister would be. Dr Mahathir retires from all posts in Umno and as Prime Minister on Oct 31.

"However, the form of the message to be conveyed by the Prime Minister is yet to be ascertained," he said at a media conference after delivering a keynote address at an international conference with the theme 'Muslim Ummah At The Crossroads: The Role of OIC', here today.

Khalil, who is also Information Minister, represented Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi at the conference attended by more than 300 delegates from the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC).

According to Khalil, the Prime Minister would also break fast with members of the Umno Supreme Council after the meeting.

In another development, Khalil said the Umno Management Committee chaired by Abdullah had held discussions with all the states except Penang, on the formation of the 190 protem committees of Umno divisions including in the 25 new Parliamentary constituencies.

The discussion with Penang Umno could not be held due to the floods that hit the state recently.

Khalil also declined comment on the appointment of the committee members who will be decided fully by the Umno supreme council.

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