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UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL TO STUDY PROPOSAL ON ASSET DECLARATION

KUALA NERANG, July 8 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today that the Umno Supreme Council will conduct a study on the proposal that Umno members nominated by the party to contest in the next general election be required to declare their assets.

Dr Mahathir, who is Umno president, said that it was a good proposal as it could prevent various negative issues being raised during the election.

"The proposal is a good one and it will be deliberated at the next meeting of the Supreme Council," he told reporters after attending a briefing on the Kota Putra getaway development during a visit to the project site in Durian Burung near here.

Umno secretary-general Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob said yesterday that the party's nominees to be fielded in the next general election must declare their assets.

Dr Mahathir said that the proposal would not entail any amendment to the party constitution as it was only administrative in nature.

He said that in the event that it was implemented, the party would take stern action against those found to have made a false declaration.

Meanwhile, in KOTA KINABALU, Assistant Minister to the Chief Minister Datuk Sapawi Ahmad said that the move would instil greater confidence of the voters towards the party's nominees.

It would project transparency among Umno's candidates in the general election, he told reporters after opening a seminar on understanding Islam attended by culturalists in the state.

Sapawi, who is Sindumin assemblyman, said that the move would also boost the integrity of the candidates among the voters and they could serve as "role models" in the community.

"At the very least, the move will dispel accusations by the opposition against the Umno candidates in the general election," he said.

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