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Umno party elections to be held on Sept 23

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - Umno party elections will be held on Sept 23, the first day of the party's 55th general assembly.

Vice-president Datuk Seri Najib Razak, who is carrying out the duties of party deputy president, said the three-day assembly would be held at the Putra World Trade Centre.

The Wanita, Youth and Puteri wings will hold their respective assemblies on Sept 22.

Najib, who is also Deputy Prime Minister, will officiate at the joint opening of the three assemblies on the night of Sept 21 at the same venue.

Acting party president Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi will also address delegates on Sept 21.

"The Prime Minister will open the assembly on the morning of Sept 23 following which the elections will be held," said Najib, who is also Defence Minister, at a Press conference at the Defence Ministry today.

Umno supreme council has fixed branch elections from June 1 to 30 while the divisional polls will be from July 8 to 22.

This year's party elections are almost certain to see both Abdullah and Najib elected unopposed as president and deputy president respectively.

Abdullah, the party's deputy president, became acting president following Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad's retirement in October last year.

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