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Dr M's parting speech on Umno supreme council agenda

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. - The Umno supreme council meeting on Thursday is expected to focus on party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's parting speech and advice to the leaders, said party vice-president Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

He said this was because the meeting would be the last chaired by Dr Mahathir before he stepped down on Friday.

He said it was unlikely that the meeting would discuss the formation of the pro-tem divisional committee for the 165 Umno divisions and the 25 new ones created following the Election Commission's recent redelineation.

"I believe that the supreme council members are all eager to listen to Dr Mahathir's advice to us. We might not have sufficient time to discuss other party matters like the formation of the pro-tem committees."

Muhyiddin, the Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister, said this when asked about the agenda for Thursday.

Meanwhile, Umno information head Tan Sri Megat Junid Megat Ayob said about 3,000 party members and leaders from all 165 divisions were expected to join Dr Mahathir and the supreme council members in breaking of fast and performing Tarawikh prayers.

He said Dr Mahathir might also deliver a short speech to party members during the event, to be held after the supreme council meeting.