

**Umno General Assembly From Nov 27 To Dec 1, 2012, Says Najib
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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 20 (Bernama) -- The Umno General Assembly this year will be held from Nov 27 to Dec 1, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak Thursday.

Najib, who is also Umno president, said the five-day assembly would begin with the presidential briefing on Nov 27 which would be followed by the official opening of the assemblies for the Wanita, Youth and Puteri wings at night.

"From Nov 28 to Dec 1, the Wanita, Youth and Puteri wings will have their assemblies while the Umno General Assembly will be held from Nov 29 until Dec 1," he told reporters after chairing the Umno Supreme Council meeting at Menara Dato' Onn, here Thursday.

Also present was Umno secretary-general Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor.

Najib also said that as of Sept 18, a total of 176 divisions had held their meetings while the remaining 15 divisions were expected to do so during the weekend.

The Prime Minister said the Supreme Council had also received suggestions from the party's Management Committee on the procedures for accepting membership at the divisional and branch levels.

He said that in line with Clause 5.4 of the Umno constitution, any application form received by the party headquarters without being signed by the branch committee would be returned to the committee and it must be resolved within two months of the date the letter was issued by the party headquarters.

"Anyone holding position who is found to have abused his power, by deliberately rejecting the membership, could be penalised under article 8 of the members' code of ethics.

"This is to ensure that the Umno open door policy is implemented fully and no one can be obstructed from becoming an Umno member," he said.

Asked whether the party election would be held at the forthcoming Umno General Assembly, Najib said: "Party election is postponed until after the general election.

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