

30 Per Cent Of Umno Branches Complete Annual Meetings

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ALOR GAJAH, Aug 12 (Bernama) -- About 30 per cent of the over 20,000 Umno branches in the country have completed their annual meetings, said Umno executive secretary Datuk Ab Rauf Yusoh (rpt) Yusoh.

He said all the meetings had proceeded smoothly and the problems raised had been resolved amicably.

"The problems, including on the procedure of the meetings, have been settled by the respective state Umno liaison committees.

"Our advice was for the problems raised at the branch meetings to be resolved amicably, otherwise the party headquarters would have to step in," he told a news conference in Masjid Tanah here.

Earlier, Ab Rauf held an Aidilfitri open house at his house here. It was attended by Melaka Yang Dipertua Negeri Tun Mohd Khalil Yaakob and Chief Minister Datuk Idris Harun as well as more than 1,000 people from the locality.

Umno branches have until Sept 15 to hold their annual meetings under an extension of the period announced by party secretary-general Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor yesterday.

Asked whether he would contest the post of Masjid Tanah Umno Division chief as was the talk here, Ab Rauf said he was not ready to comment on the matter.

Kuala Linggi state assemblyman Datuk Ismail Othman and former Melaka chief minister Tan Sri Abdul Rahim Thamby Chik have offered themselves for the post.

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