

**Candidates For Umno's Top Three Posts Must Fulfill Certain Conditions - Rauf  
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PUTRAJAYA, Aug 8 (Bernama) -- Those wishing to contest for the top three Umno posts in October should fulfill certain criteria, Umno executive secretary Datuk Ab Rauf Yusoh said Thursday.

He said one of the conditions was to have held the post of divisional committee member for three years or one term.

"Or, they must have been a Supreme Council member at least once," he told Bernama when met at the Aidilfitri open house hosted by the prime minister and cabinet ministers at Seri Perdana, here.

He was commenting on claims that the posts of president and deputy president and the three posts of vice-president could only be contested by the present Supreme Council members.

"It's not open for only the Supreme Council members, it's open to all. The conditions are needed to prevent situations where people who have never been through the Umno leadership process become ministers and Supreme Council members," he said.

Queried as to the progress of the ongoing branch meetings, which started on July 15 and will end on Aug 31, he said that so far everything was proceeding smoothly.

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