

Umno Says Meetings, Elections Of Wings Proceeding Smoothly
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ALOR GAJAH, Oct 12 (Bernama) -- The Wanita Umno, Umno Youth and Puteri Umno delegates' meetings and elections around the country are going on smoothly, according to Umno executive secretary Datuk Ab Rauf Yusoh.

He said he found that the procedure outlined by the Umno Election Committee was being adhered to in terms of distribution of ballot papers, setting up of ballot boxes and provision of the voting venues.

Ab Rauf spoke to reporters after a visit to the Sekolah Agama JAIM Paya Rumput here to look at the Masjid Tanah Puteri Umno delegates' meeting and elections.

The Umno elections this year are following the electoral college system which enables more members to participate in the elections.

Ab Rauf said the feedback from the delegates, numbering up to 146,000, would be used as reference to improve the election process.

He also said that candidates who failed in the elections should accept the decision made by the delegates.

Replying to a question, he said the name of Bukit Katil Umno member Haron Abdullah was still on the list of candidates eligible to contest the post of division head because the Umno headquarters had yet to receive any letter stating his withdrawal from contest.

"The (Umno) headquarters had only learned of this from news reports. I will try to get more information from the state Umno liaison committee.

"We will look at the validity of the withdrawal from contest. If it was done within the stipulated period, we will give it our consideration," he said.

Melaka Umno Election Committee chairman Tan Sri Ahmad Nordin Md Amin reportedly said that the committee had confirmed the withdrawal from contest of Haron through a letter sent to the Umno headquarters on Sept 24.

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