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EARLY RUSH IN SIK BUT EASY GOING IN PENDANG

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THE VOTER turnout in Pendang district appeared sluggish and these people were among the 35 per cent who had gone to polling stations up to 2p.m. yesterday to cast their votes in the Ulu Muda parliamentary by-election yesterday.

In Sik, however, the situation was completely different. About 60 per cent had cast their votes by noon despite the distance between polling stations.

Voters waited patiently under an unusually hot sun and police kept a watchful eye on the crowd.

And the mood of the voters appeared to be in favour of Barisan Nasional Othman Abdul, who had a two-to-one lead over

Ustaz Nakhaie Haji Ahmad of PAS by 2p.m..

The independent candidate, Encik Ahmad Bakar, appeared to be taking less than one per cent of the votes cast. There are 34,133 voters in Ulu Muda.

According to Umno estimates, Encik Othman had received about 9,700 out of the more than 16,000 or one third of the votes cast. Ustaz Nakhaie is estimated to have received about 5,300 votes and Encik Ahmad about 80.

The figures were gathered at the 33 polling stations by Umno workers screening voters as they checked in at party booths outside each station. Official counting of the votes began at 8p.m.



