

7 - WAY FIGHT FOR PORT KLANG SEAT

KLANG, Thurs. - The Port Klang parliamentary by-election on Dec. 1 will see a seven-cornered fight among the Barisan Nasional, DAP, PAS and four independent candidates.

The Barisan's candidate is MIC Selangor State secretary, Mr V. Govindaraj, while PAS is fielding Watan editor, Encik Subky Latiff, and the DAP Mr K. Rameaan.

The four independents are, M. Hari De-

vun, A. Abdul Hanif, V. Nagaindra and G. Mohana Lai.

The candidates filed their nomination papers at the District Office here this morning.

Returning Officer, Encik Abdul Hadi bin Haji Sidik, announced the names of candidates shortly after 1 pm, to a large crowd fattered outside the District Office, after accepting all the nomination papers.

The Barisan Nasional candidate, Mr Govindaraj, a former officer with the Information Department, arrived at the nomination centre at about 9.30 am.

Amongst is nearly 1,000

odd supporters who accompanied him were the acting national president of the MIC, Datuk S. Samy Vellu, Barisan Nasional secretary-general, Enck Ghaffar Baba, Acting Menteri Besar of Selangor, Datuk Haji Ahmad Razalli, MCA secretary-general, Tan Sri Chong Hon Nyan, and leaders of other Barisan Nasional component parties.

Also present were Deputy Minister of Labour and Manpower, Datuk K. Pathmanaban, MP for Shah Alam, Datuk Lew Sip Hon, and deputy president of Dewan Negara, Senator Tan Sri S.O.K. Ubaidullah

The seat fell vacant following the death of MIC president and Transport Minister, Tan Sri V. Manickavasagam on Oct. 12.

Mr M. Nadaraja who was also at the nomination centre claimed that he had been picked by Pekemas to contest the by-election but was staying out "at the last minute" to boost the chances of the opposition candidates.

He showed reporters completed nomination forms and the deposit for the by-election.

One of the independent candidates, Mr Hari Devan, 37, said he was contesting the by-election because he was unhappy with the Barisan's selection of its candidate.

SUPPORT

"I support Datuk Hussein Onn and the Barisan, but I am against the candidate they have put up," he added, disclosing that he had once been rejected membership of MIC.

Mr Hari Devan, chairman of Indfin Bhd in Kuala Lumpur, is president of the 1,000-member Kapar Tamils Welfare Association.

The other three Independents are also businessmen - Enck Abdul Hanif is from the Kapar area, while Mr Mohana Lai and Mr Nagalndra are from Klang.

PAS president Datuk Mohamed Asri bin Haji Muda said his party's chances in the polls appeared "bright".

The party election machinery was already in motion, with party leaders from all over the country set to converge on the constituency for ceramahs.

The DAP's Mr Ramaenan is a teacher and former State Assemblyman for Bukit Rajah. He is also the party's Selangor publicity chief.

The Selangor and Federal Territory DAP chairman, Mr Lee Lam Thye, claimed the party stood a very good chance of gaining the seat. Mr Ramaenan had also stood against Tan Sri Manickavasagam in the 1978 General Elections.

Acting Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Haji Ahmad Razali expressed confidence that the Barisan would gain a more impressive result than in 1978, when Tan Sri Manickavasagam was returned with a majority of more than 11,000 votes.

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THE Barisan Nasional candidate, Mr. V. Govindaraj, waving to his support



THE DAP candidate Mr. K. Ramatan



THE PAS candidate Enck Sobky Latiff