

No posters in campaign for Ulu Muda seat

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ALOR STAR, Tues. — The absence of posters is most noticeable in the campaign for the Ulu Muda by-election.

It is a week now since nomination on March 1. But posters are hardly seen anywhere.

This is quite unlike the by-election in Bukit Raya in 1980 when a fierce poster war erupted immediately after nomination.

The fight for the Ulu Muda seat is between Encik Othman Abdul of the Barisan Nasional, Ustaz Nakhaie Haji Ahmad of PAS and an independent, Encik Ahmad Bakar.

They appear to be concentrating more on ceramahs and house-to-house visits to win votes.

Political observers commented that without a poster war, the excitement of a by-election was lost.

"There is nothing to suggest an election campaign is on," one of them said.

So far, none of the candidates have brought up any "hot" issue.

The Barisan is banking on the Government's development programmes to eradicate poverty in the constituency to catch votes.

Both the Barisan and independent candidates are also exploiting PAS' internal crisis.

It is understood that some PAS members are asking their supporters to vote for the Barisan or stay indoor on polling day on March 16.

Encik Ahmad is said to be trying to win over the youths who make up a big section of the voters.

He is giving footballs and sepak takraw balls to villagers to gain their support.

Encik Ahmad is also depending on some dissatisfied Umno members who have "defected" to his camp.

He hopes to win over some Barisan votes with the help of this small group of Umno members.

One Umno member is said to have turned his back on the Barisan because he failed to get a taxi licence.