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SENATORS (BERNAMA EX)

KUALA LUMPUR, AUG. 28, (BERNAMA) -- AT LEAST FIVE FORMER SENATORS WILL TAKE THEIR PLACE IN THE DEWAN RAKYAT WHEN IT CONVENES.

A TOTAL OF NINE SENATORS STOOD FOR THE ELECTINS, WITH SEVEN FOR PARLIAMENT.

SO FAR, FIVE HAVE BEEN RETURNED. THEY ARE TAN SRI ABDUL KADIR YUSOF, PUAN HAJJAH AISHAH GHANI, DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED (ALL UNOPPOSED), ENCIK LEW SIP HON AND ENCIK SHAARI JUSOH.

DATUK WONG SENG CHOW, THE MCA VICE-PRESIDENT, LOST TO DAP CHAIRMAN DR. CHEN MAN HIN IN SEREMBAN WHILE THE RESULT FOR ENCIK THOMAS KANA OF PARTI PESAKA BUMIPUTRA BERSATU, STANDING IN THE KANOWIT CONSTITUENCY OF SARAWAK, IS STILL PENDING.

ENCIK KANA IS ALSO CONTESTING THE STATE SEAT OF MACHAN IN SARAWAK ON A BARISAN NASIONAL TICKET.

THE TWO OTHER FORMER SENATORS ARE ENCIK ABU BAKAR AHMAD, WHO WAS RETURNED UNOPPOSED IN THE KAMPONG RAJA STATE CONSTITUENCY OF TRENGGANU, AND ENCIK AWANG DAUD MATUSIN, WHO IS STANDING IN LAWAS FOR A SEAT IN THE SARAWAK COUNCIL NEGERI. ENCIK AWANG DAUD'S RESULT IS STILL PENDING.

WITH THE RESIGNATIONS OF THE SENATORS THERE ARE NOW NINE VACANTIES IN THE 58-MEMBER UPPER HOUSE.

MEANWHILE, BERNAMA WAS TOLD THAT THE FIRST BUSINESS TO BE DECIDED BY THE DEWAN RAKYAT WHEN IT CONVENES WILL BE THE ELECTION OF ITS SPEAKER AND HIS DEPUTY. -- BERNAMA MORE 1410/1B

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THE TERM OF THE PRESENT SPEAKER, TAN SRI C.M. YUSOF, WILL OFFICIALLY END THE DAY THE NEW PARLIAMENT IS CONVENED.

IT IS STILL NOT KNOWN WHETHER TAN SRI YUSOF WOULD BE RE-NOMINATED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO BE THE SPEAKER FOR APPROVAL OF THE HOUSE.

THE CONSTITUTION STIPULATES THAT THE SPEAKER NEED NOT NECESSARILY BE AN ELECTED MEMBER OF THE HOUSE, THE ONLY CRITERIAN BEING THAT HE IS QUALIFIED TO BE ELECTED AS AN MP.

THE CONSTITUTION, HOWEVER, STIPULATES THAT THE DEPUTY SPEAKER BE A PERSON WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE. THE FORMER DEPUTY SPEAKER, TAN SRI NIK AHMAD KAMIL, DID NOT SEEK RE-ELECTION.

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