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KUALA LUMPUR, JUNE 21 (BERNAMA) -- THE TWO INCUMBENTS, ENCIK ABDUL GHAFAR BABA AND TENGKU TAN SRI RAZALEIGH AND A NEWCOMER, DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED, WERE TODAY ELECTED AS THE THREE NEW VICE-PRESIDENTS OF UMNO FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS.

ENCIK GHAFAR, THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT, POLLED THE HIGHEST VOTES - 838 OUT OF THE 1,078 VALID VOTES CAST BY THE 1,083 DELEGATES.

TENGKU RAZALEIGH, THE CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF PETRONAS, POLLED 642 VOTES AND THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, DR. MAHATHIR OBTAINED 474 VOTES.

EIGHT UMNO LEADERS INCLUDING THE HEAD OF THE UMNO YOUTH, DATO' HAJI HARUN IDRIS, HAD CONTESTED OR THE COVETED POSTS.

DATO' HARUN WAS NOT ELECTED BUT WOULD REMAIN A VICE-PRESIDENT BY VIRTUE OF BEING THE HEAD OF THE YOUTH SECTION.  
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IT WAS THE FIRST SUCCESS OF ITS KIND FOR TENGKU RAZALEIGH. IN THE PREVIOUS ELECTION IN 1972, HE WAS ONLY SUCCESSFUL IN CONTESTING FOR A PLACE IN THE POWERFUL SUPREME COUNCIL BUT WAS LATER APPOINTED A VICE-PRESIDENT TO FILL THE POST VACATED BY DATO' HUSSEIN ONN FOLLOWING HIS ELEVATION AS THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT ON THE DEATH OF TUN DR. ISMAIL.

DR. MAHATHIR HAD CONTESTED IN 1972 BUT WAS NOT SUCCESSFUL IN THE QUEST FOR THE POST OF A VICE-PRESIDENT THEN. BUT HE POLLED THE HIGHEST VOTE AMONG THE 55 CANDIDATES FOR A PLACE ON THE COUNCIL.

THE OTHER FOUR CANDIDATES WHO LOST WERE TWO MINISTERS, DATUK HAMZAH ABU SAMAH, AND TAN SRI GHAZALI SHAFIE, THE MENTRI BESAR OF PERAK, TAN SRI GHAZALI JAWI, AND A FORMER EXCO MEMBER, TAN SRI SYED JAAFAR ALBAR.

FOR TAN SRI SYED JAAFAR, HIS FAILURE MARKED THE END OF HIS PRESENCE IN THE COUNCIL FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS SINCE HE IS NOT CONTESTING FOR ORDINARY MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL.

THE OTHER THREE ARE CONTESTING. VOTING FOR THE SUPREME COUNCIL IS NOW IN PROGRESS.

THE RESULTS WERE ANNOUNCED BY THE PERMANENT CHAIRMAN OF THE ASSEMBLY, TAN SRI NIK AHMAD KAMIL, AT ABOUT 2.45 P.M.

EARLIER, THE ASSEMBLY ELECTED BY VOICE VOTE, THE FORMER MENTRI BESAR OF PAHANG, TAN SRI HAJI YAHAYA BIN MOHAMED SETH, AS THE NEW PERMANENT CHAIRMAN OF THE ASSEMBLY IN PLACE OF TAN SRI NIK AHMAD KAMIL WHO ANNOUNCED HIS RESIGNATION.

SELANGOR STATE EXCO MEMBER, HAJI AHMAD RAZALI ALI, WAS ELECTED A DEPUTY CHAIRMAN FOLLOWING THE WITHDRAWAL OF DEPUTY MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS, DATUK ABDUL SAMAD IDRIS, FROM CONTESTING THE POST.

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