

NO31 (F)
NOMINATION-MAHATHIR
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JITRA, APRIL 7 (BERNAMA) -- ³² ~~DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD~~ ACCOMPANIED BY MORE THAN 1,000 BARISAN NASIONAL MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS SUBMITTED HIS NOMINATION PAPERS AT THE KUBANG PASU DISTRICT OFFICE HERE THIS MORNING.

THE PRIME MINISTER, WHO IS ALSO THE BARISAN NASIONAL CHAIRMAN, WILL BE OPPOSED BY PAS DEPUTY PRESIDENT HAJI YUSOF RAWA, 59, FOR THE KUBANG PASU PARLIAMENTARY SEAT.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR DRESSED IN THE NATIONAL DRESS, ARRIVED AT THE NOMINATION CENTRE A FEW MINUTES AFTER 10 A.M. AND SUBMITTED HIS PAPERS FIVE MINUTES LATER.

HE SUBMITTED HIS PAPERS TO THE RETURNING OFFICER ENCIK JAMALUDDIN JAMIL.

--BERNAMA MORE 1228/NB

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THE SUPPORTERS ACOMPANIED THE PRIME MINISTER AND TWO OTHER BARISAN NASIONAL CANDIDATES CONTESTING FOR STATE SEATS- DATUK HAJI OSMAN HAJI AROFF, 43 (JITRA) AND HAJI HANAFI RAMLI (TANJUNG) FROM THE UMNO OFFICE IN KUBANG PASU TO THE NOMINATION CENTRE.

ALL ALONG THE WAY TO THE NOMINATION CENTRE, MORE BARISAN NASIONAL SUPPORTERS WELCOMED THEM WITH SHOUTS OF 'BERJAYA, BERJAYA'

NEARLY ALL THE BARISAN SUPPORTERS WORE T-SHIRTS WITH THE PICTURES OF DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR, DATUK HAJI OSMAN AND HAJI HANAFI.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR AND THE TWO BARISAN NASIONAL STATE CANDIDATES WERE AT THE NOMINATION CENTRE FOR 10 MINUTES.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR WAS SEEN TALKING AND EXCHANGING GREETINGS WITH THE PEOPLE INCLUDING PAS SUPPORTERS, AS HE LEFT THE CENTRE. -- BERNAMA MORE 1250/MB

NO41 (F)
NOMINATION-MAHATHIR 3 JITRA

HIS OPPONENT, HAJI YUSOF RAWA WHO WAS FORMERLY MALAYSIA'S AMBASSADOR TO IRAN, ARRIVED 20 MINUTES EARLIER THAN DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR.

HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY TWO PAS STATE CANDIDATES -- BUSINESSMAN HAJI SALLEH YAKOB, 45 (JITRA) AND USTAZ ABU KASSIM ABDULLAH, 36 (TANJUNG).

HAJI YUSOF RAWA, SEEN HOLDING A TONGKAT, WAS ACCOMPANIED BY PAS SUPPORTERS FROM HIS HOUSE IN JALAN CHANGLON ABOUT HALF A KILOMETER FROM THE CENTRE.

ALTHOUGH THEY ARRIVED EARLY, HAJI YUSOF AND THE TWO PAS CANDIDATES FOR STATE LEFT THE CENTRE LATER THAN DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR.

SEVERAL SHOUTS OF +ALLAHUAKHBAR+ GREETED HAJI YUSOF AND THE PAS CANDIDATES WHEN THEY LEFT THE CENTRE. HAJI YUSOF ACKNOWLEDGED THE CHEERS BY WAVING HIS HANDS.

THE AREA NEAR THE KUBANG PASU DISTRICT OFFICE WAS FILLED WITH NOT ONLY SUPPORTERS OF BOTH THE BARISAN NASIONAL AND PAS BUT ALSO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, INCLUDING WOMEN. --BERNAMA MORE 1246/MD

NO43 (F)
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SPEAKING TO BERNAMA LATER, HAJI YUSOF RAWA SAID HE LEFT THE QUESTION OF WINNING TO ALLAH.

+BUT AS SOON AS I ENTER THE COURT, I WILL FIGHT TO THE END+, HE ADDED.

ASKED ABOUT PAS' ELECTION MACHINERY PARTICULARLY IN KUBANG PASU, HE SAID ALTHOUGH PAS WAS A POOR PARTY, +WE WILL TRY OUR VERY BEST.+

HAJI YUSOF RAWA HAD DEFEATED DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR IN THE KOTA SETAR SELATAN PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY IN THE 1969 GENERAL ELECTION. DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR WAS THEN AN ORDINARY UMNO CANDIDATE. --BERNAMA 1254/MD