

UMNO-CANDIDATES

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KUALA LUMPUR, APRIL 30 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD WAS RETURNED UNOPPOSED AS UMNO PRESIDENT FOR ANOTHER THREE-YER TERM WHEN NOMINATIONS FOR THE PARTY ELECTIONS CLOSED AT 4.30 P.M. TODAY.

ALL OTHER POSTS IN THE PARTY, INCLUDING THAT OF THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENTS, SUPREME COUNCIL MEMBERS AND UMNO YOUTH AND WANITA HEADS WILL BE CONTESTED, UMNO MALAYSIA SECRETARY-GENERAL DATUK HAJI MUSTAFA JABAR TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE HERE.

THREE PERSONS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED AS DEPUTY PRESIDENT. THEY ARE THE INCUMBENT DATUK MUSA HITAM, TENGKU RAZALEIGH HAMZAH AND DATUK HAJI HARUN IDRIS.

TWENTY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN NOMINATED FOR THREE VICE-PRESIDENT POSTS AND 78 FOR SEATS IN THE SUPREME COUNCIL. TEN PEOPLE WERE NOMINATED FOR THE POST OF PERMANENT CHAIRMAN OF THE UMNO GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND 14 FOR THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN'S POST.

UMNO YOUTH PRESIDENT ANWAR IBRAHIM IS BEING CHALLENGED FOR THE POST BY THE MOVEMENT'S FORMER LEADER DATUK HAJI SUHAIMI KAMARUDDIN, WHILE FOUR CANDIDATES WERE NOMINATED FOR THE VICE-PRESIDENCY AND 103 FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.
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THE FOUR PERSONS NOMINATED FOR THE VICE-PRESIDENCY OF UMNO YOUTH ARE THE INCUMBENT DATUK MOHAMMAD NAJIB TUN RAZAK, ENCIK MAZLAN DATUK HARUN, HAJI MUHYIDDIN YASSIN AND ENCIK NAZRI TAN SRI AZIZ YEOP -- THE LATTER THREE BEING THE CURRENT YOUTH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

THE TWO PEOPLE NOMINATED FOR THE POST OF WANITA HEAD ARE THE INCUMBENT DATIN PADUKA RAFIDAH AZIZ PUBLIC ENTERPRISES MINISTER AND THE MP FOR TANJUNG KARANG, DATIN PADUKA HAJAH ZALEHA ISMAIL.

THE FIVE CANDIDATES NOMINATED FOR THE POST OF WANITA VICE-PRESIDENT ARE HAJAH RAHMAH OTHMAN, DATIN PADUKA HAJAH ZALEHA ISMAIL, HAJAH SHARIFAH DORA SYED MOHAMMAD, PUAN NAPSIAH OMAR AND SENATOR ROKIAH ZAINUDDIN (KEDAH WANITA UMNO LIAISON CHIEF).

DATIN PADUKA ZALEHA HAS HOWEVER DECLINED NOMINATION FOR THE VICE-PRESIDENT POST AS SHE WANTS TO CONTEST FOR ONLY THE POST OF WANITA HEAD.

DATUK MUSTAFA SAID A TOTAL OF 99 DIVISIONS SUBMITTED NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR THE SUPREME COUNCIL, 89 DIVISIONS FOR UMNO YOUTH POSTS AND 84 FOR WANITA POSTS. -- MORE 2020/MB
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DATUK MUSTAFA SAID ALL THREE INCUMBENT UMNO VICE-PRESIDENTS -- DATUK HARUN, ENCIK GHAFAR BABA AND TENGKU AHMAD RITHAUDDEEN -- HAD BEEN NOMINATED.

THE 17 OTHER NOMINEES ARE SUPREME COUNCIL MEMBERS.

THEY ARE DATUK RAIS YATIM, DATUK ABDULLAH HAJI AHMAD BADAWI, DATUK MOHAMMAD RAHMAT, DATUK SERI AMAR HAJI WAN MOKHTAR AHMAD, DATUK HAJI ABDUL MANAN OTHMAN, DATUK SANUSI JUNID, DATUK MOHAMMAD NAJIB TUN RAZAK, TAN SRI HAJI OTHMAN SAAT, DATUK SERI SYED NAHAR SHAHABUDDIN, DATUK MOHAMMAD AZMIR NAZIR (NEW FACE), ENCIK RAMLI NGAH TALIB, DATUK SERI MOHAMMAD ADIB ADAM, DATUK MOHAMMAD ISA SAMAD, TAN SRI GHAZALI SHAFIE, ENCIK ANWAR IBRAHIM AND DR. NAWAWI MAT AWIN.

HE SAID LETTERS CONFIRMING CANDIDACY HAD BEEN SENT OUT TO THESE CANDIDATES ON APRIL 26 BUT NONE HAD REPLIED SO FAR.

THE CANDIDATES NOMINATED FOR THE POST OF UMNO DEPUTY PRESIDENT HAD ALSO BEEN SENT SIMILAR LETTERS BUT HAD YET TO REPLY.

LETTERS FOR UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL NOMINEES WERE SENT BETWEEN APRIL 26 AND TODAY. THE DEADLINE FOR ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF NOMINATION IS 4.30 P.M. ON MAY 15. -- MORE 2025/MB

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DATUK MUSTAPHA SAID THE LETTER OF OFFER FOR CANDIDACY FOR THE POST OF UMNO YOUTH HEAD WAS SENT TO ENCIK ANWAR ON APRIL 18 AND HE HAD CONFIRMED ACCEPTING NOMINATION ON APRIL 21. DATUK HAJI SUHAIMI HAS YET TO REPLY TO THE LETTER SENT ON APRIL 20.

LETTERS TO DATIN PADUKA RAFIDAH AND DATIN PADUKA ZALEHA WERE SENT ON APRIL 19 BUT ONLY THE LATTER CONFIRMED HER CANDIDACY LAST SATURDAY.

THE UMNO SECRETARY-GENERAL SAID THE SELECTION COMMITTEE WOULD MEET FROM MAY 16 TO FINALIZE THE LIST OF CANDIDATES WHO HAD ACCEPTED NOMINATION.

MEANWHILE UMNO HEADQUARTERS HAS RECEIVED 595 RESOLUTIONS FROM UMNO DIVISIONS, 195 FROM YOUTH DIVISIONS AND 15 FROM WANITA DIVISIONS.

THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRED BY ENCIK GHAFAR BABA WILL MEET ON MAY 9 TO SELECT THE RESOLUTIONS TO BE TABLED AT THE PARTY GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

ON THE NUMBER OF DELEGATES TO THE ASSEMBLY, HE SAID IT WOULD ONLY BE KNOWN AFTER ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS HAD BEEN RECEIVED BY PARTY HEADQUARTERS. -- MORE 2032/MB

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DATUK MUSTAPHA SAID A NUMBER OF DIVISIONS HAD TELEPHONED HIM TO SAY THEIR SUBSCRIPTIONS HAD BEEN POSTED AND WERE ON THE WAY.

THE PARTY HEADQUARTERS WOULD GO BY THE POSTMARK AND SUBSCRIPTIONS SENT BEFORE THE DEADLINE, WHICH IS TODAY, WOULD STILL BE ACCEPTED EVEN IF THEY WERE RECEIVED LATE.

HE ALSO SAID ALL DIVISIONS WHICH HELD THEIR MEETINGS BETWEEN APRIL 19 AND 22 CONDUCTED THEIR PROCEEDINGS SMOOTHLY AND WELL.

THERE WERE NO TROUBLES, THE ONLY HITCH BEING THE ELECTION OF TWO HEADS FOR THE KUALA PILAH UMNO DIVISION WHEN BOTH CANDIDATES, DATUK MANSOR OTHMAN AND DR. RAMLI UJANG, POLLED AN EQUAL NUMBER OF VOTES.

A DECISION ON THE MATTER WOULD BE MADE AT THE COMING UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING, HE SAID.

ON CONTEST FOR THE POST OF PARTY PRESIDENT, HE SAID THAT SINCE THE INCEPTION OF UMNO, TURKU ABDUL RAHMAN WAS CHALLENGED BY FUAD HASSANI AND TAN SRI C.M. YUSOF, WHILE DATUK HUSSEIN ONN WAS CHALLENGED BY HAJI SULAIMAN PALESTIN. -- BERNAMA 2045/MB