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KUALA LUMPUR: JULY 23 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD LEADS THE +EXODUS+ OF POLITICAL PARTY LEADERS FROM THE FEDERAL CAPITAL FOR THEIR CONSTITUENCIES WHERE THEY WILL SUBMIT THEIR NOMINATION PAPERS TOMORROW.

THE PRIME MINISTER LEFT TODAY FOR PEDAH AND HIS DEPUTY ENCIK GHAFAR BABA, FOR MELAKA.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO UMNO PRESIDENT, WILL DEFEND HIS PARLIAMENTARY SEAT OF KUBANG PASU WHILE ENCIK GHAFAR, AN UMNO VICE-PRESIDENT, WILL SEEK RE-ELECTION IN THE JASIN PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY.

THE PRIME MINISTER WILL SUBMIT HIS NOMINATION PAPERS AT THE NOMINATION CENTRE AT THE KUBANG PASU DISTRICT OFFICE IN Jitra AND ENCIK GHAFAR AT THE NOMINATION CENTRE AT THE JASIN DISTRICT COUNCIL OFFICE.

EXCEPT FOR A MINISTER, TWO DEPUTY MINISTERS AND A MENTERI BESAR OTHER FEDERAL CABINET MINISTERS, DEPUTY MINISTERS, MENTERIS BESAR AND CHIEF MINISTERS ARE EXPECTED TO BE RENOMINATED. -- MORE
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THOSE CONFIRMED TO BE NOT CONTESTING THIS YEAR ARE HEALTH MINISTER DATUK MAH HON KAM, DEPUTY ENERGY, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND POSTS MINISTER HAJI ABDUL RAHIM BAKAR AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT DATUK DR TAN TIONG HONG.

PERLIS MENTERI BESAR DATUK HAJI ALI AHMAD IS ALSO EXPECTED NOT TO STAND.

OTHER HEADS OF STATE GOVERNMENTS WILL BE DEFENDING THEIR SLATS EXCEPT PAPANG MENTERI BESAR DATUK SERI MOHAMED NAJIB TUN RAZAF AND JOHOR MENTERI BESAR DATUK AJIB AHMAD WHO WILL BE GOING FOR PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES.

DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT DATUK KHALI YAACOB, SHOULD HE BE SUCCESSFUL IN THE ELECTION, IS TIPPED TO SUCCEED DATUK SERI NAJIB WHILE DEPUTY TRADE AND INDUSTRY MINISTER HAJI MUHYIDDIN YASSIN HAS BEEN MENTIONED AS THE MAN TO TAKE OVER FROM DATUK AJIB.

SO FAR, ONLY THREE TOP PARTY LEADERS HAVE CONFIRMED THEIR NON-PARTICIPATION IN THE ELECTION. -- MORE
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THEY ARE BERJASA PRESIDENT DATUK HAJI WAN HASHIM WAN AHMAD, GERAKAN VICE-PRESIDENT DATUK MICHAEL CHEN AND THE PRESIDENT AND FOUNDER OF THE RECENTLY-FORMED DEMOCRATIC MALAYSIAN INDIAN PARTY (DMIP), ENCIK V.GOVINDARAJ.

BERJASA HAD ANNOUNCED THAT IT WOULD NOT TAKE PART IN THE ELECTION IN PROTEST AGAINST THE ACCEPTANCE OF HAMIM INTO THE BARISAN NASIONAL.

HAMIM PRESIDENT DATUK HAJI ASRI MUDA HAS SO FAR NOT INDICATED WHETHER HE WILL BE STANDING.

THE DMIP HAS DECIDED NOT TO CONTEST THIS TIME.

PAS PRESIDENT HAJI YUSOF RAWA IS SAID TO BE CONTESTING THE TASEK GELUGOR PARLIAMENTARY SEAT IN PULAU PINANG. -- MORE
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MEANWHILE, SEVERAL PARTY LEADERS WILL REMAIN IN THE FEDERAL CAPITAL AS THEY WILL BE CONTESTING SEATS IN THE FEDERAL TERRITORY OF KUALA LUMPUR AND SELANGOR.

THEY INCLUDE SDP PRESIDENT AHMAD NOR, DAP DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL LEE LAM THYE AND NASMA PRESIDENT RAJA DATUK NASRON ISHAK.

ENCIK AHMAD NOR, THE FORMER CUEPACS PRESIDENT, HAS CONFIRMED THAT HE WILL BE CONTESTING THE LEMBAH PANTAI PARLIAMENTARY SEAT AND KELANA JAYA STATE SEAT.

RAJA DATUK NASRON WILL STAND IN THE SERI CAHAYA STATE CONSTITUENCY WHILE ENCIK LEE, FORMER MP FOR BUKIT BINTANG (PREVIOUSLY KUALA LUMPUR BANDAR), HAS NOT DECIDED ON WHERE HE WILL CONTEST. -- BERNAMA
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