

# 'PAS contesting for sake of contesting'

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DATUK Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who will face a PAS challenge from Dr Azizan Ismail for the Kubang Pasu parliamentary constituency in the August 3 poll said the opposition party is contesting against him "just for the sake of contesting".

"They have to contest to fulfil the wishes of their supporters and party members.

"If they do not contest, PAS followers will be confused not knowing which candidates or parties to support in the election," he said to BN workers and supporters after submitting his nomination papers.

However, the Prime Minister welcomed the PAS decision to contest against BN candidates because it will give the people an opportunity to choose which candidates or party they want to support.

Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Paduka Osman Aroff is challenged by another candidate, Encik Mat Kamal Haji Ismail, for the state seat of Jitra.

The acceptance of Dr Mahathir's and Datuk Paduka Osman's nomination papers was announced by returning officer Haji Ismail Datuk Shafie at the Kubang Pasu district office, about 20 km from Alor Star.

Dr Mahathir, Datuk Paduka Osman and Encik Hanafi Ramli who is meeting PAS' Haji Ahmad Yusof for the state seat of Tunjang, arrived at the nomination office at 10 am accompanied by about 4,000 BN workers and supporters chanting "Hidup Mahathir" (long-live Mahathir).

The three PAS candidates arrived at the centre about half an hour earlier with their 400 supporters shouting "Allahu Akbar" (God is great).