

Dr Mahathir the target of attacks: MP

ALOR STAR, Thurs. — Supporters of Datuk Musa Hitam and Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah are criticising Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in their campaigning for the party election, Kota Setar division chief Dr Abdul Hadi Derani alleged today.

Dr Hadi, who is MP for Kota Setar, said it was unfortunate the Prime Minister had become a target of such attacks.

"I am surprised these people had resorted to such means to win in the election," he told reporters after he

was returned unopposed as division chairman when nominations closed this afternoon.

Dr Hadi said these people included some from his division who had crossed over from the Alor Star division following the delineation of constituencies.

He said most of his division's branches supported Dr Mahathir.

Dr Hadi was nominated by 61 of the 85 branches in the division. Businessman Syed Mustapha Syed Abdullah, who had earlier indicated he would

challenge Dr Hadi, withdrew at the last minute.

However, three people — businessman Basharon Hanafiah (incumbent), division youth leader and Assemblyman for Derga Abdul Rahman Ibrahim and businessman Harun Salleh — will contest the deputy chairman's post.

Former Assemblyman for Langgar Said Yassin is defending his vice-chairman's post against division treasurer Dr Wan Ahmad. Datuk Wan Anuar and Encik Harun.

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