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KUALA LUMPUR, MARCH 23 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD HEADS THE LIST OF FOUR UMNO LEADERS NOMINATED FOR THE PARTY PRESIDENT'S POST, ELECTION OF WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE PARTY GENERAL ASSEMBLY BEGINNING APRIL 24.

WITH 132 UMNO DIVISIONS HAVING COMPLETED THEIR DELEGATES' CONFERENCES BY YESTERDAY, THE PRIME MINISTER HAS RECEIVED 88 NOMINATIONS TO DEFEND HIS POST FOR A THIRD TERM.

TRADE AND INDUSTRY MINISTER TENGGU RAZALEIGH HAMZAH, WHO IS SAID TO BE LIKELY TO CHALLENGE DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, HAS BEEN NOMINATED BY 37 DIVISIONS.

ALSO NOMINATED FOR THE POST IS UMNO DEPUTY PRESIDENT DATUK MUSA HITAM AND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER GHAFAR BABA, EACH RECEIVING ONE NOMINATION.

DATUK MUSA, WHO IS FORMER DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, WAS NOMINATED BY THE JOHOR BAHRU DIVISION WHILE SELANDAR (IN MELAKA) NOMINATED ENCIK GHAFAR.

FIVE DIVISIONS -- PENGKALAN CHEPA AND KOK LANAS IN KELANTAN, KLUANG AND SRI GADING IN JOHOR AND HULU LANGAT IN SELANGOR -- DID NOT MAKE ANY NOMINATION FOR ALL SUPREME COUNCIL POSTS. -- MORE
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THE HULU LANGAT DIVISION DID NOT MAKE ANY NOMINATION BECAUSE IT HAD BEEN SUSPENDED AFTER ITS HEAD HAD CONTESTED IN THE LAST GENERAL ELECTION WITHOUT PARTY APPROVAL.

HOWEVER, THE DIVISION HELD A SPECIAL MEETING YESTERDAY TO SELECT NINE DELEGATES FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

THE KUANTAN DIVISION HAD BEEN DIRECTED TO RECONVENE ITS DELEGATES' CONFERENCE ON APRIL 5 AS ITS MARCH 1 MEETING WAS DECLARED NULL AND VOID WHEN EIGHT UNREGISTERED BRANCHES WERE FOUND TO HAVE TAKEN PART IN IT.

FOR THE POST OF DEPUTY PRESIDENT, ENCIK GHAFAR IS LEADING WITH 76 NOMINATIONS, FOLLOWED BY DATUK MUSA WITH 49 AND TENGGU RAZALEIGH WITH TWO.

OF THE 29 DIVISIONS IN SEVEN STATES WHICH HELD THEIR DELEGATES' CONFERENCE YESTERDAY, 23 NOMINATED DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR FOR THE POST OF PRESIDENT, FIVE NOMINATED TENGGU RAZALEIGH AND ONE ENCIK GHAFAR. -- MORE
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OF THE 23 DIVISIONS WHICH WANT THE PRIME MINISTER TO REMAIN AS PRESIDENT, SIX ARE IN PERAK, SIX IN THE KUALA LUMPUR, FOUR IN PULAU PINANG, THREE IN SELANGOR, TWO IN NEGERI SEMBILAN AND ONE EACH IN MELAKA AND PAHANG.

OF THE FIVE DIVISIONS WHICH NOMINATED TENGGU RAZALEIGH YESTERDAY, TWO ARE IN PULAU PINANG AND ONE EACH IN MELAKA, KUALA LUMPUR AND PAHANG WHILE ENCIK GHAFAR RECEIVED HIS SOLE NOMINATION FROM SELANDAR.

FOR THE POST OF DEPUTY PRESIDENT, ENCIK GHAFAR WAS NOMINATED BY 21 OF THE 29 DIVISIONS WHICH HELD THEIR MEETINGS YESTERDAY WHILE THE REST NOMINATED DATUK MUSA.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR WAS NOMINATED BY ALL 14 DIVISIONS IN KEDAH AND BY THE TWO DIVISIONS IN PERLIS.

THE PRIME MINISTER WAS NOMINATED BY EIGHT OF THE 11 DIVISIONS IN PULAU PINANG, 21 OF THE 23 IN PERAK, 12 OF THE 14 IN SELANGOR, SIX OF THE SEVEN IN KUALA LUMPUR, SIX OF THE 10 IN PAHANG, FOUR OF THE EIGHT IN TERENGGANU, SIX OF THE SEVEN IN NEGERI SEMBILAN, THREE OF THE FIVE IN MELAKA, TWO OF THE 18 IN JOHOR, THREE OF THE 13 IN KELANTAN AS WELL AS THE SOLE DIVISION IN THE LABUAN FEDERAL TERRITORY. -- MORE
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FOR THE POST OF PRESIDENT, TENGGU RAZALEIGH RECEIVED THREE NOMINATIONS FROM PULAU PINANG, TWO PERAK, EIGHT KELANTAN, FOUR TERENGGANU, THREE PAHANG, 13 JOHOR AND ONE EACH FROM KUALA LUMPUR, SELANGOR, NEGERI SEMBILAN AND MELAKA.

FOR THE POST OF DEPUTY PRESIDENT, ENCIK GHAFAR RECEIVED 13 NOMINATIONS FROM KEDAH, 20 PERAK, SIX KUALA LUMPUR, SIX PULAU PINANG, TWO PERLIS, THREE KELANTAN, FOUR TERENGGANU, 10 SELANGOR, FIVE NEGERI SEMBILAN, THREE MELAKA AND ONE EACH FROM THE LABUAN FEDERAL TERRITORY AND JOHOR.

DATUK MUSA RECEIVED ONE NOMINATION FROM KEDAH, FIVE PULAU PINANG, THREE PERAK, ONE KUALA LUMPUR, SEVEN KELANTAN, FOUR TERENGGANU, SIX PAHANG, THREE SELANGOR, TWO NEGERI SEMBILAN, TWO MELAKA AND 15 JOHOR.

TENGGU RAZALEIGH RECEIVED ONE NOMINATION EACH FROM JOHOR AND KELANTAN.

FOR THE POST OF VICE-PRESIDENT, AMONG OTHERS EDUCATION MINISTER ANWAR IBRAHIM RECEIVED 78 NOMINATIONS, FOLLOWED BY DEFENCE MINISTER DATUK ABDULLAH AHMAD BADAWI WITH 76, TERENGGANU MENTERI BESAR DATUK SERI HAJI WAN MOKHTAR AHMAD 55, PERAK MENTERI BESAR DATUK SERI RAMLI NGAH TALIB 39, AGRICULTURE MINISTER DATUK SERI SANUSI JUNID 36, FOREIGN MINISTER DATUK RAIS YATIM 14 AND ENCIK GHAFAR 12. -- MORE
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OF THE OTHER CANDIDATES, DATUK HARUN IDRIS HAS RECEIVED 11 NOMINATIONS, INFORMATION MINISTER TENGKU AHMAD RITHAUDDEEN EIGHT, PAHANG MENTERI BESAR DATUK KHALIL YAAKUB EIGHT, WELFARE SERVICES MINISTER DATUK SHAHRIR SAMAD FOUR, FEDERAL TERRITORY MINISTER DATUK ABU HASSAN OMAR FOUR AND SUPREME COUNCIL MEMBER PUAN MARINA YUSOFF TWO.

THE REST ALL HAD ONE NOMINATION. THEY ARE CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORTS MINISTER DATUK SERI NAJIB TUN RAZAK, SELANGOR MENTERI BESAR DATUK MUHAMMAD HAJI MUHAMMAD TAIB, KOK LANAS MP DATUK ABDULLAH AHMAD AND SUPREME COUNCIL MEMBER DATUK HAJI SUHAIMI KAMARUDDIN.

ALL THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN NOMINATED HAVE UNTIL APRIL 11 TO ACCEPT THE NOMINATION.

WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE DELEGATES' CONFERENCE YESTERDAY, THE FORUM FOR OPEN CAMPAIGNING FOR THE CANDIDATES HAS ENDED.

HOWEVER CLOSE-DOOR MEETINGS COULD BE HELD UNTIL ELECTION DAY. --
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