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JITRA, OCT 11 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SUBMITTED HIS NOMINATION PAPERS AT 9.38AM TODAY, THE FIRST CANDIDATE TO DO SO AT THE KUBANG PASU DISTRICT OFFICE HERE.

HE WAS FOLLOWED BY KEDAH MENTERI BESAR DATUK SERI OSMAN AROFF FOR THE JITRA STATE SEAT AND STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR HAJI HANAFI RAMLI FOR THE TUNJANG STATE SEAT.

ALL THREE CANDIDATES ARE SEEKING RE-ELECTION. DATUK SER DR MAHATHIR IS GOING FOR HIS FIFTH TERM SINCE 1974.

THE KUBANG PASU DISTRICT OFFICE WAS THE NOMINATION CENTRE FOR THE KUBANG PASU PARLIAMENTARY AND JITRA AND TUNJANG STATE CONSTITUENCIES.

THE SEMANGAT 46 CANDIDATE FOR KUBANG PASU, DATUK SUDIN WAHAB, SUBMITTED HIS NOMINATION PAPERS 12 MINUTES LATER. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE PARTY'S CANDIDATE FOR JITRA, ABDUL RASHID MAT SALLEH, AND HAJI ABU KASSIM ABDULLAH WHO IS CONTESTING FOR THE TUNJANG SEAT ON THE PAS TICKET.

IN THE 1986 GENERAL ELECTION, THE PRIME MINISTER DEFEATED DR AZIZAN ISMAIL OF PAS WITH A MAJORITY OF 15,298 VOTES. -- MORE
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EARLIER, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE, DATUK SERI DATIN PADUKA DR SITI HASMAH MOHAMAD ALI AND DATUK SERI OSMAN, LED A PROCESSION OF BARISAN NASIONAL SUPPORTERS FROM THE KUBANG PASU UMNO OFFICE IN JALAN TUNJANG TO THE NOMINATION CENTRE, ONE KILOMETRE AWAY.

CARRYING FLAGS AND BANNERS, THE SUPPORTERS SANG THE +BARISAN KITA+. THE BANNERS CARRIED THE SLOGANS +DR MAHATHIR TETAP BERTAHTA DI HATI KAMI+ (DR MAHATHIR ALWAYS RULES IN OUR HEARTS), +HIDUP MAHATHIR+ (LONG LIVE MAHATHIR) AND +HIDUP BARISAN NASIONAL+ (LONG LIVE BN).

THE CROWDS, MADE UP OF SUPPORTERS OF THE PARTIES CONTESTING IN KUBANG PASU PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY, WHERE THERE ARE 52,341 ELIGIBLE VOTERS, WAS CONTROLLED.

PAS PRESIDENT HAJI FADZIL NOOR WHO IS CONTESTING FOR THE PENDANG PARLIAMENTARY SEAT AND DEFENDING THE BUKIT RAYA STATE SEAT, SUBMITTED HIS NOMINATION PAPERS AT THE PENDANG DISTRICT OFFICE AT 9.15AM.

HAJI FADZIL WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE SEMANGAT 46 CANDIDATE FOR THE AYER PUTEH STATE SEAT, ENCIK SHATRI AHMAD, WHO ALSO TENDERED IN HIS NOMINATION PAPERS. -- MORE
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THE PENDANG DISTRICT OFFICE IS THE NOMINATION CENTRE FOR THE PENDANG PARLIAMENTARY AND BUKIT RAYA AND AYER PUTEH STATE CONSTITUENCIES.

HALF AN HOUR LATER, THE BN CANDIDATES FOR PENDANG PARLIAMENTARY, OTHMAN ABDUL, DATUK SYED MANSOR BARAKBAH (BUKIT RAYA STATE) AND PUAN FATIMAH ISMAIL (AYER PUTEH STATE), ARRIVED AT THE CENTRE, ACCOMPANIED BY SOME 1,000 SUPPORTERS.

THE BN CANDIDATE FOR THE KOTA SETAR PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY, WAN HANAFIAH WAN MAT SAMAN, ARRIVED AT THE KOTA SETAR DISTRICT OFFICE, THE NOMINATION CENTRE, AT 9.15AM. HE SUBMITTED HIS NOMINATION PAPERS TOGETHER WITH THE COALITION'S CANDIDATES FOR THE DERGA STATE SEAT, ENCIK ABDUL RAHMAN IBRAHIM, AND LANGGAR STATE SEAT, SHEIKH ELIAS MUSTAFFA.

BOTH WAN HANAFIAH AND SHEIKH ELIAS ARE NEWCOMERS.

AGRICULTURE MINISTER DATUK SERI SANUSI JUNID WHO IS DEFENDING THE JERLUN/LANGKAWI PARLIAMENTARY SEAT, ALSO SUBMITTED HIS NOMINATION PAPERS AT THIS CENTRE. HE TENDERED HIS PAPERS TO THE RETURNING OFFICER, HAJI MOHAMAD ISHAK, AT ABOUT 9.20AM.

FINANCE MINISTER DATUK PADUKA DAIM ZAINUDDIN WHO IS DEFENDING THE MERBOK PARLIAMENTARY SEAT, SUBMITTED HIS NOMINATION PAPERS AT 10.10AM. -- BERNAMA
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