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Umno-nominations (roundup)

UMNO COMPLETES DIVISIONAL ELECTIONS

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 17 (Bernama) -- Umno today completed its divisional elections, returning Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad unopposed as president and giving Finance Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim two more nominations to take his tally for the deputy presidency to 145.

Batu and Labuan held their meetings today, the last of the 153 divisions to do so. They had been instructed by the Supreme Council to reconvene after it ruled their earlier meetings invalid.

Both divisions will be allowed to send their delegates to the general assembly, scheduled for Nov 4 to 6, though they had not met the Sept 30 deadline for the meetings.

At their meetings today, the two divisions nominated Mahathir for president and Anwar for deputy president.

They also picked Defence Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Muhammad Haji Muhammad and Johor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin for vice-president. Najib has 148 nominations, Muhammad 138 and Muhyiddin 133.

Encik Ghafar Baba, who has tendered his resignation as Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Rural Development, has received seven nominations for his bid to defend the deputy presidency that he has held since 1987. --

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Foreign Minister and incumbent vice-president Datuk Abdullah Ahmad Badawi has garnered 16 nominations and Agriculture Minister and vice-president Datuk Seri Sanusi Junid 12.

The Batu-division has been beset with problems since its Wanita chief Dr Noridah Ibrahim was nominated by 12 branches. Divisional chief Datuk Azman Attar subsequently declared the meetings of the 12 branches invalid.

Azman retained the post today when he obtained 115 votes against Dr Noridah's 98.

Mohamed Yusoff Abdul Hamid and Haji Ishak Kamaruddin were elected deputy head and vice head respectively.

The Labuan division's problem arose when it held the delegates' meeting on Sept 24, defying a Supreme Council directive for the division to postpone it until after all 18 branches declared illegal by then division head Senator Isli Haji Siput had held their meetings. -- more

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At today's meeting, MP for Labuan Abdul Mulok Awang Damit won uncontested when Isli withdrew from the contest.

He also did not attend the meeting. A total of 139 of the 175 eligible delegates attended the meeting.

The post of deputy head was retained by Iraman Karim while Ismail Kasah was elected the vice-head. -- Bernama

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