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BN CANDIDATE IN LIPIS PARLIAMENTARY BY-ELECTION TO BE SELECTED FROM A LIST OF FIVE

KUANTAN, Jan 8 (Bernama) -- The Pahang Barisan Nasional (BN) will announce its candidate in the Lipis parliamentary by-election a few days before nomination day on Jan 15, Menteri Besar Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob said today.

Khalil, who is the chairman of the state BN, said that the candidate to be fielded would be selected from a list already finalised by the coalition.

He said that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who is BN chairman, had been informed of the names of five Umno members selected following consultations with the Lipis Umno division.

The Election Commission has fixed Jan 15 as nomination day and polling will be held on Jan 27 if there is a contest.

The seat fell vacant following the death of incumbent Datuk Abu Dahari Osman of the BN on Dec 29. He won the seat with a majority of 10,113 votes over Ahmad Shabery Chik of Parti Melayu Semangat 46 in the general election last year.

Khalil said that the state BN election machinery had been geared to ensure the BN's victory in the by-election.

Meanwhile, Pahang Umno Youth will mobilise about 3,000 members in the by-election campaign.

Pahang Umno Youth chief, Datuk Shahiruddin Moin also said that Umno Youth from the other states would be sending between 300 and 500 members each to assist in the campaign.

He said that the campaign would be concentrated in areas near Gua Musang and Cameron Highlands.

In Mentakab, Pahang MIC liaison chairman R.Sinnathamby said that the state MIC would mobilise some 5,000 members around Lipis and Cameron Highlands to ensure the BN's victory.

Speaking to reporters after a state MIC liaison meeting, he said that MIC operations rooms would be set up to enable voters to check the voters registration list as well as conduct ceramah and information sessions on development especially in the Lipis constituency. -- Bernama