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SABAH UMNO ENDORSES TWO MORE CONTESTING FOR SUPREME COUNCIL

KOTA KINABALU, July 2 (Bernama) -- The Sabah Umno Liaison Committee today endorsed the candidacy of two more state leaders contesting for the Supreme Council seats in the party's election in October.

Sabah Umno deputy chief Datuk Osu Haji Sukam said they are Deputy Works Minister Datuk Railey Jeffrey and Parliamentary Secretary of the Information Ministry Datuk Shafie Apdal.

"We agreed to endorse their nominations considering the fact that they are national leaders," Osu said after chairing the Sabah Umno Liaison meeting, here.

Sabah Umno had endorsed the candidacy of former Chief Minister Datuk Salleh Said Keruak who is also the Sabah Umno Liaison Chief and Osu prior to this.

Osu said the total of four candidates that had been endorsed was not too many considering there were 20 divisions in the state.

Asked why Salleh was not chairing the meeting, Osu said Salleh could not attend adding that the meeting also did not discuss the position of Salleh who stepped down on May 28 following the implementation of the rotation system for the post of Sabah Chief Minister.

"Salleh is still the liaison chief and it is normal in other states for non-Menteri Besar to continue to be liaison chief," he said.

Osu said it was up to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's discretion to determine Salleh's position. -- BERNAMA

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