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PPP-Election
THREE NEW VICE PRESIDENTS FOR PPP

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 4 (Bernama) -- Three new faces were elected Vice Presidents of the People's Progressive Party (Baru) (PPP) at the party's inaugural general assembly here.

The three Dr Ninian Mogan Lourdenadin, Low Poi Chai and Muhammad Ashfar Mohd Ali replace Datin Blanche O'Leary, Lim Ching Hing and John Y.H. Yee.

The assembly yesterday also elected 13 new faces to the party's Supreme Council.

They are Dr Cheah Sow Kwan, Mohd Iskandar, Vincent Jeromiah, Paul Yap, Joshua Lim, Datuk A.Karim, Solomon Jacobson, P.R. Muraleedhran, Charles Devadason, Vijay Chandran, Harder Singh, T.Murugiah and Trina Tan Yang Li.

They were elected from among 50 candidates.

The 11 who retained their posts in the council are Jason Ng, K.Nathan, Datuk Jaafar Mohd Yusof, Loga Bala Mohan, A.Nadarajah, K.Sugumaran, Lee Heng, Kathirgamer, S.Ramachandran, R.O.Paramasivam, Ngui Mui Khim while O'leary who did not contest the VP post was elected to the council.

They will hold the post for five years. Datuk M.Kayveas was returned unopposed as President and three other leaders were also elected without contest

-- permanent chairman Datuk Jaafar Mohd Yusof, Youth chief Chong Hai San and Wanita chief Zainab Mat Khamis.

The election result was only made available at about 3am after a recount of votes for the 25-member Supreme Council.

The counting of votes began at 7pm following the casting of votes by some 2,200 delegates.

There was some confusion during the balloting which was stopped temporarily when a delegate was suspected to have cast his vote twice but later it was established as a case of mistaken identity.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed who is Barisan Nasional chairman, opened the assembly. -- BERNAMA

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