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UMNO ANNOUNCES LIST OF 205 CANDIDATES

KUALA LUMPUR, July 7 (Bernama) -- Umno headquarters today released a list of 205 candidates who will vie for various posts in the party which will hold elections for its office-bearers in October.

The list includes Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed for president and Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim for deputy president. However the two posts will not be contested.

Umno secretary-general Datuk Mohamed Rahmat, who announced the list, said the names of the president and the deputy president had also been included to get confirmation from the divisions.

He said from the total of 208 people who had registered to contest posts, five had withdrawn.

They are former Kedah Menteri Besar Tan Sri Osman Aroff and Ainon Khairiyah Datuk Mohd Abas, for seats in the Umno Supreme Council; Deputy Home Minister Datuk Megat Junid Ayob for the post Umno Youth Permanent Chairman,; Haji Mustapha Yaakub for the post of Umno Youth Deputy Permanent Chairman and Pahang State Executive Councillor Datuk Shahiruddin Abdul Moin for the post Umno Youth Vice head.

With the withdrawal, the total number of candidates contesting for seats in the Umno Supreme Council was 77, Mohamed said when briefing Umno Divisional Secretaries here.

He said Megat Junid, however confirmed that he would contest the post of Umno Youth Deputy Permanent Chairman and for a seat in the Supreme Council.

Mohamed said no candidate withdrew from among those who had registered to contest posts in Wanita Umno.

He said all 165 Umno Divisions. which would begin their delegates conferences from July 12 onwards, need only confirm the list of candidates who had registered to contest the various posts, released by Umno headquarters today.

Any division which submitted nominations that were not en bloc would not be valid.

"This was in line with yesterday's decision by the Umno Supreme Council that divisional delegates conferences need only confirm the list of candidates who had registered to contest," he said.

Mohamed also briefed the divisional secretaries on the decisions made by the Supreme Council yesterday including the ban on campaigning.

He said the ban covered all forms of campaigning such as receptions, road shows and so on that might be held for the sole purpose of getting support.

However any effort by candidates to introduce themselves which did not involve the use of money was allowed, he said.

Mohamed also announced that Umno would hold a special gathering in September to entertain party veterans.

At the function, Umno would bestow two types of awards -- "Anugerah Tokoh Umno" to 10 most renowned veterans and the "Anugerah Veteran Berjasa" to 500 others.

He urged Umno Divisions to nominate candidates for the awards and they could be former Members of Parliament, assemblymen, divisional or branch heads and others who were considered eligible. -- BERNAMA

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