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## Selangor Umno Youth set for action

KUALA SELANGOR, Thurs. - Selangor Umno Youth will mobilise 2,000 of its members in Kuala Selangor Parliamentary and Permatang State constituencies after the nomination day to assist the Kuala Selangor Umno division in its by-election campaign..

Selangor Umno Youth chief Soohaimi Abdul Rahman who headed a meeting with the 17 State Umno division heads here said the State Umno Youth was all geared to help the Barisan Nasional machinery in its campaign.

"We want to ensure that the Barisan candidates contesting the Parliamentary and State seats win with big majority," he said, adding that the meeting today was held to discuss the various preparations for the forthcoming by-election.

Former Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister Datuk Abu Hassan Omar has swapped seats with Permatang Assemblyman Datuk Jamaluddin Adnan to contest his seat while he (Jamaluddin) will stand for election in the Kuala Selangor Parliamentary constituency.

Abu Hassan, who was named to replace former Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Muhammad Muhammad Taib on May 2, has to win in the Permatang by-election before he can be sworn in as Menteri Besar.

Soohaimi said each State Umno division would be assigned to an Umno branch in the Kuala Selangor Parliamentary constituency where they would liaise with the respective branch chairman and plan the various campaign strategies.

"Even though we are all geared for the by-election, we still hope the two Barisan candidates will be returned unopposed on nomination day as it will save time, energy and money."

So far only Pas has voiced its intention to contest the Kuala Selangor Parliamentary and Permatang State constituency by-elections.

According to State Pas commissioner Hassan Sukri, the Kuala Selangor Pas had lined up four potential candidates, of whom two would be nominated to vie for the two posts.

However, he refused to disclose who the candidates were, saying that their names would only be revealed on nomination day.

Soohaimi expressed confidence that Abu Hassan and Jamaluddin would win with a majority even if the Opposition plans to field its candidates.

"Abu Hassan is a man with many years of political experience and strong grassroot support in Kuala Selangor and in the State. He has all the qualities and qualifications needed to be the Menteri Besar of Selangor," he added.

Soohaimi said the Prime Minister had made the right choice in appointing Abu Hassan as the next Menteri Besar and the State Umno Youth would give full backing and support to him during his tenure.

On nomination day, Soohaimi said, more than 5,000 leaders and members from all the Barisan Nasional component parties, including 2,000 State Umno Youth members, were expected to gather at the Kuala Selangor district office to give moral support to the Barisan candidates.

He called on the people of the Kuala Selangor constituency to also come out and give support to the Barisan candidates besides ensuring that they cast their votes for them.

Meanwhile in Ipoh, the Confederation of Malaysian Tamils called on opposition parties to refrain from contesting in the Permatang State seat by-election against Selangor Menteri Besar-designate Datuk Abu Hassan

Omar.

Its president Dr S. Joseph Rajah said the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his deputy Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim had carefully picked a person with high credibility to lead Selangor.

"Under such circumstances it is proper that the appointment of Abu Hassan not be delayed and he be allowed to assume his new position as soon as possible."

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