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ANNUAR'S PRIVATE SECRETARY HEADS KUBANG KERIAN UMNO

KOTA BAHARU, March 30 (Bernama) -- Tuan Hashim Tuan Yaacob, the private secretary to Rural Development Minister Datuk Annuar Musa, was elected Kubang Kerian Umno division head at its delegates' meeting yesterday.

He takes over from Mat Zin Awang who was barred from contesting any party post by the Umno Supreme Council following a breach of party discipline.

Salor state assemblyman Ahmad Rosli Ibrahim was elected the division's deputy head, the post vacated by Tuan Hashim.

Tuan Hashim said today Nik Abdul Rahman Nik Taib won the vice-head post with 209 votes after beating challenger Mustapa Mat Deris by a 14-vote majority.

He said 424 delegates from 135 branches attended the meeting which was opened by Information Ministry Parliamentary Secretary Datuk Mohd Shafie Apdal.

The March 11 meeting in Kuala Lumpur of the Kelantan Umno liaison committee chaired by Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad picked Tuan Hashim to replace Mat Zin as division chief.

That meeting also decided no contest for the post of deputy division chief for the Kubang Kerian and three other divisions -- Gua Musang, Peringat and Tumpat during divisional elections held in the last fortnight.

The move was in line with the supreme council's directive that incumbent Umno divisional leaders in Kelantan remain unchallenged to preserve stability and harmony in the party.-- BERNAMA

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