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Most incumbents retained

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. - Almost half of the 168 Umno divisions have held their delegates' meetings as of yesterday, with most of them retaining the incumbents as their heads.

In Selangor, State assembly Speaker Datuk Onn Ismail is one of eight Umno division heads who retained their posts in divisional delegates' meetings yesterday.

Onn, who is the Selat Kelang Assemblyman, garnered 317 votes against Abdul Hamid Mustaffa's 164.

Executive councillor Datuk Abdul Fatah Iskandar was returned unopposed as the Kuala Langat division head after Finance Ministry parliamentary secretary Datuk Dr Shafiee Mohd Salleh pulled out of the race.

Other incumbents who retained their posts are Dengkil Assemblyman Datuk Mohd Shariff Jajang for the Sepang division, Ampang Assemblyman Datuk Mufti Suib in the Ampang Jaya division and Sungai Burung Assemblyman Datuk Mohd Aini Taib in Tanjung Karang.

Others are Shah Alam MP Datuk Salamon Selamat in Shah Alam, Puchong Assemblyman Datuk Mohd Satim Diman in Serdang and Kelana Jaya Assemblyman Datuk Mokhtar Dahalan in Subang.

On March 15, four divisions held their delegates' meetings with two of the incumbents, Menteri Besar Datuk Abu Hassan Omar and Exco member Datuk Dr Zainal Abidin Ahmad returned unopposed in the Kuala Selangor and Hulu Langat divisions respectively.

The Sabak Bernam, Gombak, Petaling Jaya Selatan, Selayang and Petaling Jaya Utara divisions are scheduled to hold their meetings on Friday and Sunday.

In Negri Sembilan, exco member and incumbent Datuk Shamsul Bahari Mat lost his division chief post to State Youth chief Yunus Rahmat yesterday.

Shamsul polled 112 votes while Yunus, who is also the Jelebu MP obtained 121.

In Jempol, State Executive Councillor, Datuk Lilah Yassin retained his post uncontested as the division chief while the deputy chief's post was won by Palong II branch chief, Aziz Shamsudin.

Gedong Lalang branch chief Datuk Nordin Mohd Amin only managed 29 votes while the fourth candidate for the post, Seremban Bandar branch chief, Datuk Mohd Sidek Idris withdrew.

In Kelantan, only four of 14 divisions, namely Kubang Kerian, Tanah Merah, Jeli and Gua Musang, have yet to hold their meetings.

Jeli will hold it on Saturday, scheduled to be opened by party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad. The others will hold them on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The remaining 10 divisions have held their meetings with all, except Tumpat, retaining the incumbents as their heads.

In Perak, 18 of the 23 divisions concluded their meetings over the past two weeks.

Teluk Intan, Larut and Tapah are among the four divisions which had been placed under supreme council supervision. The other division is Ipoh Timor which concluded its meeting yesterday without any untoward incident.

Tambun MP Husni Hadnazlah retained his post as the Tambun division chief, defeating Mohd Osmani Mahamad, while Husni's deputy Ibrahim Abbas retained his seat after defeating Mohd Haniff Mohd Saidin.

Incumbent Senator Mustaffa Kamal Nawi retained his Gopeng division head

post after defeating Azmi Mohd Nasir, but his deputy Toh Chendawa Raja Abdul Talib Fahmi lost to newcomer Hamzah Mohd Kassim.

In Taiping, Taiping Umno division head Datuk Abdul Malek Hanafiah retained his post in a three-cornered fight during the division's delegates meeting held here yesterday.

In the Bagan Serai Umno division delegates meeting, incumbent division head and Bagan Serai MP Datuk Qamaruzzaman Ismail retained his post after defeating his challenger Baharuddin Mohd Nor, who is also Alor Pongsu Assemblyman.

In Sabah, Gaya Umno division chief Datuk Hussein Wahid Dally became the first incumbent to be unseated in the on-going Sabah Umno divisional annual general meeting.

Hussein was edged out by his deputy Uzair Yahya in a five-cornered fight.

Uzair garnered 147 votes against Hussein's 100. The other contenders were Mentoh Aru, (62 votes), Jumat Idris (43 votes) and Saidon Kadis (14 votes).

Three incumbent divisional heads Datuk Musa Aman (Libaran), Saidi Suari (Bandau) and Datuk Ampong Puyon (Sandakan) were returned unopposed in the divisions' respective delegates' meeting yesterday and today.

As of today half of the 20 divisions in Sabah have held their meetings.

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