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Pas to announce candidate for Arau by-election on June 23

KANGAR, Tues. - Pas has shortlisted four potential candidates for the Arau parliamentary by-election on July 4, its State commissioner Hashim Jasin said today.

They included Hashim, a medical doctor and a lawyer.

Hashim, a college lecturer, said the party's headquarters would announce the candidate on June 23, a day ahead of nomination day.

"Pas has been active in the constituency due to the looming general election. When the Arau seat fell vacant following the death of incumbent Kamaruddin Ahmad of the Barisan Nasional, it was a matter of us stepping up our activities," he added.

State BN sources said several names are being considered for the by-election.

Three of these had been submitted to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad by the Arau Umno division headed by Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim.

Topping the list are former Menteri Besar and appointed Umno supreme council member Tan Sri Dr Abdul Hamid Pawanteh and Senators Abu Bakar Ismail and Mastika Junaidah Husin, the sources said.

The other is Shahidan's political secretary, Baharuddin Ahmad, they said.

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