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`Up to PM to name candidate'

KANGAR, Wed. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has the prerogative to name the Barisan Nasional candidate for the Arau parliamentary by-election, Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim said today.

Shahidan said the State BN would accept any candidate chosen by Dr Mahathir although the Arau Umno division chaired by the Menteri Besar had proposed three names for consideration.

"We do not mind if the party president selects anybody else even someone from outside the State," he told reporters after chairing the weekly State Executive Council meeting.

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