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Azizah-Contest

AZIZAH: I WILL CONTEST

KUALA LUMPUR, July 22 (Bernama) -- Parti Keadilan Nasional president Datin Seri Dr Wan Azizah Ismail today reiterated that she will contest in the next general election.

"Yes, I will stand but I don't know where," she told a news conference at her house, here.

Asked to comment on Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's close friend and former Tumpat Umno division chairman Datuk Kamaruddin Jaafar joining PAS two days ago, Azizah said the party did not feel threatened by the decision.

"I'm not bothered if he joins PAS because we also have a pact with PAS, she said.

Meanwhile, national laureate Datuk Prof Shahnon Ahmad said in Sik last night that he would contest the Sik parliamentary seat if given the chance.

He was prepared to contest against Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Paduka Dr Abdul Hamid Othman in his own constituency, he said at a PAS-organised forum.

"I'm also from Sik. Sometimes I feel like contesting, against Hamid Othman.

"If the people support me and PAS approves, I'm prepared to stand," said Shahnon, a life member of PAS.

This is the first time he has indicated his intention to contest in the general election.

Shahnon, PAS who created controversy with his novel, "SHIT", said there had been calls for him to be stripped of his datukship following the publication of the book.

"Who wants to take away the title? The title was conferred me by the Sultan of kedah who is my good friend. We went to school together at one time," he said.

To a question from the floor, he reiterated that he had never apologised to Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for allegedly insulting the prime minister's mother in "SHIT".

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