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BN CANDIDATES' LIST TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE PM IN A FEW DAYS

KUALA TERENGGANU, Nov 13 (Bernama) -- The list of Barisan Nasional (BN) candidates in the state to be fielded in the Nov 29 general election will be submitted to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad within the next two or three days, said Menteri Besar Tan Sri Wan Mokhtar Ahmad.

Wan Mokhtar, who is the chairman of the Terengganu Umno liaison committee, said that all the divisions had been given three days following the dissolution of parliament and the state legislative councils on Thursday.

Several divisions had already submitted their lists, he said.

Terengganu has eight parliamentary constituencies and 32 state constituencies.

"The BN component parties have reached consensus and the question of allocation of seats and other things did not arise," said Wan Mokhtar, who is also the state BN chairman, after chairing the state Umno liaison committee meeting at the Umno Building, here, last night.

He said that all decisions on the nomination of candidates for the general election would be made by Dr Mahathir.

He advised all members of the BN to carry out their duties well to ensure the party's victory in the general election.

"Those not nominated for reelection should extend their cooperation to the candidates to be fielded...work together to ensure the victory of our candidates," he said.

Wan Mokhtar said that the Terengganu BN would have at least seven new faces to contest the state seats and another candidate to contest the parliamentary seat, won by PAS in the 1995 general election.

The seven state seats the BN lost to PAS were Manir, Wakaf Mempelam, Batu Buruk, Teluk Pasu, Tepoh, Alor Limbat and Rhu Redang. The Marang parliamentary seat was won by PAS deputy president Abdul Hadi Awang.

The menteri besar also said that Terengganu would maintain its tradition not to field any woman candidates in the general election and this had been agreed to by all concerned.

"Since we do not have woman candidates here, we make up for it like nominating them as senators and municipal councillors," he said.

He said that Umno would contest all the parliamentary seats and 31 state seats while the MCA would contest the Bandar state seat. The other state BN component parties are the MIC and Gerakan.

Wan Mokhtar also said that the opposition parties contesting in the general election should abide by all the election laws and regulations.

On preparations for the general election, Wan Mokhtar said that the BN election machinery had already been mobilised to ensure the party's victory.

He said that the state BN meeting would be held soon to ensure the smooth-running of the BN election machinery.

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