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DR MAHATHIR FILES HIS NOMINATION PAPERS

ALOR SETAR, Nov 20 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister and Barisan Nasional (BN) chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad filed his nomination papers to defend his Kubang Pasu parliamentary seat, at the Kubang Pasu district office, here, today.

Dr Mahathir, who held the seat since the 1974 general election, arrived at the nomination centre at 9.20am together with Barishah Saad, nominated by the BN to contest the Tunjang state seat and Prof Othman Ishak, nominated to contest the Jitra state seat. They also filed their nomination papers at the same nomination centre.

They were accompanied by BN supporters, singing patriotic songs and shouting "Long Live BN" and "Long Live Mahathir", in a procession from the Kubang Pasu Umno headquarters nearby. Also present were former Kedah Menteri Besar Tan Sri Osman Aroff, who is deputy chairman of the Kubang Pasu Umno division.

Ten minutes after Dr Mahathir, Barishah and Othman entered the operations room to file their respective nomination papers, PAS' Subky Abdul Latif, who is challenging Dr Mahathir, arrived at the nomination centre, also in a procession.

Subky was accompanied by Abu Kasim Abdullah nominated by PAS to contest the Tunjang state seat and Mat Nanyan Saad, nominated by PAS to contest the Jitra state seat.

In Sungai Petani, Tun Daim Zainuddin who is defending his Merbok parliamentary seat arrived at the Kuala Muda district office at 9.40am, together with Datuk V. Saravanan, nominated by the BN to contest the Bukit Selambau state seat, Beh Heng Seong, the Gurun state seat and Rosnah Majid, the Tanjong Dawai state seat.

PAS' Dr Hamdan Mohamed Khatib, who filed his nomination papers for the Bukit Selambau state seat, Ahmad Arshad, the Gurun state seat and Yusof Omar, the Tanjong Dawai state seat, arrived earlier at 9.20am, followed by Mokhtar Mansor, nominated by Keadilan to challenge Daim in Merbok, who arrived at 9.35am.

In Langkawi, Kedah Menteri Besar Tan Sri Sanusi Junid, defending his Kuah state seat, arrived at the Langkawi district office together with Datuk Abu Bakar Taib, nominated by the BN to defend his Langkawi parliamentary seat and Hassan Bulat, nominated to contest the Padang Matsirat state seat, at 9.40am.

They earlier performed special prayers with BN supporters at the Al-Hana mosque, before proceeding in a procession to the district office, some 1.5km away.

PAS' Amiruddin Hamzah, nominated to contest the Langkawi parliamentary seat, Che Din Arshad nominated to contest the Kuah state seat and Sidek Arifin, nominated to contest the Padang Matsirat state seat, arrived at 9am, as soon as the nomination centre opened.

An independent, Zainuddin Kadir, arrived at 9.55am to file his nomination papers to challenge Sanusi in Kuah.

In Pendang, PAS president Datuk Fadzil Noor, challenging BN's Datuk Othman Abdul for the Pendang parliamentary seat, arrived at the Pendang district office at 9.25am.

Othman arrived at 9.40am, accompanied by Abdullah Bahari nominated to contest the Bukit Raya state seat and Mohamed Rozai Safian, nominated by the BN to contest the Sungai Tiang state seat.

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