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KU LI MEETS BN CANDIDATES, TWO DECLINE NOMINATION

KOTA BAHARU, Nov 19 (Bernama) -- Kelantan Umno chief Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah today met Barisan Nasional (BN) candidates here this evening but declined to reveal their names as two contestants have turned down their candidatures owing to health and personal reasons.

He said two fresh names have to be submitted to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for approval.

He said the selected candidates formed the best combination to ensure BN's victory in Kelantan in this election.

"I'm confident of victory because the Kelantan Umno is united and ready to take on PAS," he told reporters after the meeting.

Second Finance Minister Datuk Mustapa Mohamed, Rural Development Minister Datuk Annuar Musa and Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Paduka Ibrahim Ali were present.

When met in the afternoon, Razaleigh said he could only confirm that Mustapa, Annuar and himself would be defending the Jeli, Peringat and Gua Musang parliamentary seats, respectively.

Meanwhile, a Kelantan Umno source said Ibrahim would contest again in the Pasir Mas parliamentary seat where he lost to a PAS candidate in the last election.

Hajah Ilani Isahak, the incumbent Kota Baharu MP, would defend the seat while Datuk Sukri Mohamed has been renominated for Machang.

Four new faces to be fielded are Universiti Malaya lecturer Associate Prof Haji Mohamed Noor Idris in Pengkalan Chepa, businessman Wan Fuad Wan Abdullah (Rantau Panjang), Dr Azaki Ishak (Bachok) and Haji Nor Zahidi Omar (Tumpat).

Former Deputy Works Minister Datuk Dr Nik Hussein Abdul Rahman would be fielded in Kuala Krai while incumbent Semerak assemblyman Kamaruddin Mohamed Noor has been moved to the Pasir Putih parliamentary seat.

Kelantan Wanita Umno chief Hajah Zaleha Hussein has been nominated for the Kubang Kerian seat while Datuk Hashim Safin in Tanah Merah.

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