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MATU DARO PBB YOUTH DOES NOT WANT ABANG ABU BAKAR RENOMINATED

KUCHING, Sept 24 (Bernama) -- The Matu Daro Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu (PBB) Youth does not want Defence Minister Datuk Abang Abu Bakar Mustapha to be renominated as the Barisan Nasional candidate for the Kuala Rajang Parliamentary constituency.

Matu Daro is one of the three state constituencies in the Kuala Rajang Parliamentary constituency. The other two are Serdeng and Belawai. The PBB is the linchpin of the Sarawak Barisan Nasional.

Matu Daro PBB Youth Chief Ahmad Dikoh said the decision was made because "Abang Abu Bakar no longer had the support and confidence of PBB members both at local and state level."

"At the PBB Convention last year, Abang Abu failed to retain his Deputy President's post which he had held for several terms," Ahmad said in a statement.

Abang Abu Bakar has been the MP for Kuala Rajang for four terms and in the last general election in 1995, he was returned unopposed.

"Abang Abu Bakar has also neither implemented development projects nor helped to raise the socio-economic status of the people in the constituency which he has represented in Parliament for nearly 20 years," Ahmad said.

"Abang Abu also seldom visits his constituency and it is very difficult for party members and the local people to meet him," he said.

He should cooperate with the state assemblymen to bring progress to Kuala Rajang but unfortunately did not do that, Ahmad added.

According to Ahmad, Abang Abu Bakar was unable to cooperate with the state PBB leadership which was administering Sarawak.

The Matu Daro PBB Youth at its emergency meeting on Sept 18 also resolved to send a memorandum to Barisan Nasional Chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and a copy to Sarawak BN Chairman Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud calling for Abu Bakar's exclusion from the BN candidates list, Ahmad said.

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