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NEW FACES AMONG UMNO CANDIDATES FOR SABAH POLLS

TAWAU, Jan 21 (Bernama) -- Umno is expected to field several new faces in the coming Sabah state election, its Sabah chief Datuk Osu Sukam said today.

"There will definitely be new faces but the number has yet to be finalised," said Osu, who is Deputy Chief Minister and state Finance Minister.

The list of prospective Umno candidates had been submitted to Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for selection, he told reporters after attending the Hari Raya open house of Merotai state assemblyman Datuk Abdul Ghapur Salleh here.

"We have gone through the process of selecting Umno candidates several times, taking into account their backgrounds and factors like efficiency and willingness to serve the party and country," he said.

Earlier, Osu met leaders of the Merotai and Kalabakan Umno divisions to discuss ways to strengthen the party's election machinery.

In Jasin, Melaka Umno chairman Datuk Seri Abu Zahar Isnin said he would lead a 30-member team to help in the Barisan Nasional (BN) campaign in Sabah.

The Melaka Umno meeting had decided to help the BN candidates in the Sandakan and Maluran parliamentary constituencies, he told reporters today.

Abu Zahar said the Umno delegation would leave for Sabah once the dates of the dissolution of the State Assembly and nomination were fixed.

He expressed confidence that BN would be returned to power in Sabah with a comfortable majority.

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