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Abu Zahar-Candidates

ONE WOMAN AND THREE YOUTH REPS AMONG NEW FACES IN MELAKA

MELAKA, Nov 15 (Bernama) -- Three leaders from Umno Youth and one from the women's wing are among several new faces nominated by the Melaka Umno as candidates for the coming general election.

Melaka Umno liaison chairman Datuk Seri Abu Zahar Isnin said they were among the new faces in the candidates list submitted to Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today.

"This means that Wanita (Umno) will get two seats this time," he told reporters after opening the state Farmers Organisation's annual general meeting, here.

Wanita Umno was given one seat while no candidate from Umno Youth was chosen to contest in the last general election.

Abu Zahar said the mix of old and new faces was expected to further strengthen the Umno election machinery.

He also said that all the state assemblymen and MPs holding posts in the party were automatically listed but two or three other names were also proposed as was the normal practice.

Several state assemblymen who lost in the divisional elections last year had been dropped as candidates.

"I have submitted the candidates' names to the prime minister...it is up to him to decide who is qualified to contest," he added.

It is learnt that among the Youth candidates nominated are state Umno Youth head Nazari Adzim and deputy head Jamalludin Jonet and Umno Youth executive committee member Abdul Kadir Daud while the woman candidate is Wanita Umno executive council member Latifah Omar.

Abu Zahar, who is also state Barisan Nasional (BN) chairman, said there was a possibility of Gerakan and MCA swapping seats in the state.

The BN won four of the five parliamentary and 22 of the 25 state seats in the last general election with the DAP taking the rest.

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