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SULAIMAN DAUD LEAVES IT TO DR MAHATHIR TO DECIDE HIS CANDIDACY

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 11 (Bernama) -- Agriculture Minister Datuk Amar Dr Sulaiman Daud is leaving it to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to decide on whether he should be fielded in the coming general election.

Dr Sulaiman, who is the vice president of Parti Pesaka Bumiputra Bersatu (PBB), said that he would not offer his personal views on the issue of the nomination of candidates in the general election as it was the prerogative of Dr Mahathir, who is the Barisan Nasional (BN) chairman.

"I don't understand why the media is so interested in such matters," he told reporters after opening a forum on "Water Quality Management" and the Seventh Malaysian National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (Mancid) conference, here, today.

Dr Sulaiman, who is Member of Parliament for Petra Jaya, however pledged to continue to serve the people if fielded in the general election.

He was commenting on a Bernama report on Oct 5 quoting PBB sources as saying that Dr Sulaiman would be among several incumbents to be dropped from the list of candidates for the general election.

Dr Sulaiman is said to be dropped because he has served for a long time and that Petra Jaya, an urban constituency, requires a younger candidate.

According to the sources, among others to be dropped are Defence Minister Datuk Abang Abu Bakar Mustapha, who is MP for Kuala Rajang, Bukit Mas MP Michael Lisa Kaya, Kapit MP James Jimbun Pungga and Santubong MP Rohani Karim.

Earlier in his speech, Dr Sulaiman congratulated Mancid chairman Datuk Keizrul Abdullah who has been elected vice president of the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (Icid) at the 50th Icid International Executive Council Meeting in Granada, Spain, recently.

Icid is a non-governmental international organisation dedicated to enhance the worldwide supply of food for all people by improving water and land management.

Icid started its operation on June 24, 1950, with a central office in New Delhi.

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