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TUN GHAFAR'S NOMINATION A PLUS POINT, SAYS ABU ZAHAR

JASIN, Nov 20 (Bernama) -- The eleventh hour nomination of Tun Ghafar Baba to stand in the Nov 29 general election should be seen as a plus point, said Melaka Chief Minister Datuk Seri Abu Zahar Isnin.

He said Tun Ghafar's nomination to contest the Batu Berendam parliamentary constituency was not a move to weaken the Barisan Nasional (BN) election machinery.

"It is an eye opener to all that the BN can accept a candidate at any stage," he said after filing his nomination papers to contest the Jasin parliamentary constituency here today.

Tun Ghafar, the MP for Jasin since the 1978 general election, was not on the BN list of candidates announced by Abu Zahar yesterday morning.

Batu Berendam Wanita Umno head Datuk Hazizah Sultan was earlier slated to contest the Batu Berendam seat, last held by Deputy Health Minister Datuk Wira Mohamed Ali Rustam who will this time contest the Paya Rumpit state seat.

Abu Zahar said the party came first and all need to work together to ensure the victory of the BN.

"The party must have priority over individuals," he said.

Abu Zahar said the decision of BN chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to name Tun Ghafar as a candidate should be respected by all.

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