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Sabah-Ministers

TWO SABAH MINISTERS DROPPED FROM BN LINE-UP

KOTA KINABALU, Feb 28 (Bernama) -- Two Sabah ministers have been dropped and 11 new faces named in the list of Barisan Nasional (BN) candidates for the ninth state election on March 12 and 13.

State BN chairman Tan Sri Bernard Dompok told a news conference here today that State Rural Development Minister Datuk Dayang Mahani Tun Ahmad Raffae and State Agriculture and Fisheries Minister Datuk Pandikar Amin Mulia were dropped at their own requests.

Pandikar Amin, who is the president of Akar, won the Tempasuk seat in the 1994 state election while Dayang Mahani, the state Umno Wanita deputy chief, won the Lumadan seat.

Dompok said the new faces, including LDP president Senator Datuk Chong Kah Kiat, were necessary so as to introduce new talent and ideas in strengthening the BN to facing the state election.

In the BN line-up, Umno was allocated 24 seats, Parti Demokratik Sabah (PDS) 12, Sabah Progressive Party (SAPP) five, Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) two, Akar two, Parti Bersatu Rakyat Sabah (PBRS) two and MCA one.

Dompok, who is also Chief Minister, is defending the largely Kadazandusun constituency of Moyog which he has represented since 1986.

He said the BN line-up was the choice of the BN component parties themselves and that the BN was looking at balance and new talents in deciding on its candidates.

Asked if BN chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had a hand in the choice of candidates, Dompok said "no".

Two women are among the new faces - Datuk Christine Van Houten of PDS who will contest in Inanam and Surinam Sadikum of Umno, replacing Dayang Mahani, for the Lumadan seat.

Dompok said the decision to drop the two ministers were made at the request of their respective parties.

Pandikar Amin, who was at the press conference, later said that he accepted the decision of his party in the interest of the BN.

"Now, I have more time to campaign and ensure that we win the two seats that Akar has been allocated," he said.

Asked whether he would take up an appointment at the federal level, he said there had been no such offer.

Also present at the press conference was BN secretary-general Datuk Mohamed Rahmat who handed over to Dompok a letter from the BN chairman authorising the State BN to use the coalition's symbol in the state election.

Apart from Chong of the LDP and the two women candidates - Christine Van Houten of PDS and Surinam Sadikum of Umno, the new faces from Umno are Musbah Jamlee (Tempasuk), Jasa Raudah (Kunak), Samsu Baharum Abdul Rahman (Lahad Datu), Mohd Lan Allani (Sulabayan) and Dr Patawari Patawe (Merotai).

Other new faces are Petrus Guriting (PDS-Tambunan), Wong Lien Tat (LDP-Karamunting) and Ellron Alfred Angin (PBRS-Pensiangan).

Here is the full list of BN candidates:

1. Banggi -- Datuk Amir Kahar Tun Mustapha (Umno)
2. Kudat -- Datuk Chong Kah Kiat (LDP)
3. Bengkoka -- Masrani Parman (Umno)
4. Matunggong -- Datuk Markus Majihi (Akar)
5. Tandek -- Datuk Saibul Supu (PDS)

6. Tempasuk -- Musbah Jamlee (Umno)
7. Kadamaian -- Datuk Baggai Basirun (PDS)
8. Usukan -- Datuk Salleh Tun Said (Umno)
9. Tamparuli -- Datuk Wilfred Bumburing (PDS)
10. Sulaman -- Datuk Hajiji Mohd Noor (Umno)
11. Kiulu -- Datuk Gisin Lombut (PDS)
12. Inanam -- Datuk Christine Tibok Van Houten (PDS)
13. Likas -- Datuk Yong Teck Lee (SAPP)
14. Api-Api -- Datuk Chau Tet On (MCA)
15. Sembulan -- Datuk Chau Chin Tang (SAPP)
16. Moyog -- Tan Sri Bernard Dompok (PDS)
17. Petagas -- Datuk Yahya Hussin (Umno)
18. Kawang -- Datuk Osu Sukam (Umno)
19. Pantai Manis -- Datuk Abdul Rahim Ismail (Umno)
20. Bongawan -- Datuk Karim Bujang (Umno)
21. Kuala Penyu -- Datuk Wences Anggang (PDS)
22. Klias -- Datuk Lajim Ukin (Umno)
23. Lumadan -- Surinam Sadikum (Umno)
24. Sindumin -- Datuk Sapawi Ahmad (Umno)
25. Kundasang -- Datuk Ewon Ebin (PDS)
26. Ranau -- Datuk Siringan Gubat (PDS)
27. Tambunan -- Petrus Guriting (PDS)
28. Bingkor -- Datuk Joseph Kurup (PBRs)
29. Pensiangan -- Ellron Alfred Angin (PBRs)
30. Melalap -- Datuk Kadoh Agundong (Akar)
31. Kemabong -- Datuk Rubin Balang (Umno)
32. Sugut -- Datuk Surady Kayong (Umno)
33. Labuk -- Datuk Tan Yong Gee (PDS)
34. Sungai Sibuga -- Datuk Musa Aman (Umno)
35. Sekong -- Datuk Nahalan Damsal (Umno)
36. Elopura -- Datuk Tham Nyip Shen (SAPP)
37. Tanjung Papat -- Datuk Raymond Tan Shu Kiah (SAPP)
38. Karamunting -- Wong Lien Tat (LDP)
39. Sukau -- Datuk Aklee Abbas (Umno)
40. Kuamut -- Datuk Joseph Sitin Saang (PDS)
41. Kunak -- Jasa Raudah (Umno)
42. Lahad Datu -- Samsu Baharum Abdul Rahman (Umno)
43. Sulabayan -- Mohd Lan Allani (Umno)
44. Senallang -- Datuk Nasir Tun Sakaran (Umno)
45. Balung -- Datuk Abdul Mannan Jakasa (Umno)
46. Merotai -- Dr Patawari Patawe (Umno)
47. Kalabakan -- Datuk Abdul Ghapur Salleh (Umno)
48. Sri Tanjung -- Datuk Michael Lim Yun Sang (SAPP)

The allocation of seats among the BN component parties are Umno (24), PDS (12), SAPP (5), LDP (2), Akar (2), PBRs (2) and MCA (1).

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