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Umno-Nominations (Melaka)

ALL FIVE MELAKA DIVISIONS OPT FOR DR MAHATHIR AND ABDULLAH

MELAKA, March 19 (Bernama) -- All five Umno divisions in Melaka nominated Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his deputy Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi for Umno president and deputy president respectively in the party elections in May.

Jasin was the last division to hold its delegates conference, today. Batu Berendam, Selandar, Kota Melaka and Alor Gajah held theirs last week and the week before.

For the Umno vice-president's post, Defence Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak is the only candidate who was nominated by all five divisions, followed by Johor Menteri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman with three.

Abdul Ghani was nominated by Batu Berendam, Alor Gajah and Jasin. Seven others received one nomination each.

They are Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Abu Hassan Omar (Batu Berendam), Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar (Alor Gajah), Negeri Sembilan Menteri Besar Tan Sri Mohamed Isa Abdul Samad (Selandar), Sabah Chief Minister Osu Sukam (Kota Melaka), Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin (Kota Melaka), Tan Sri Muhammad Mohd Taib (Selandar) and Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Dr Rais Yatim (Jasin).

For Supreme Council seats, two candidates from Melaka, Chief Minister Datuk Wira Mohamed Ali Rustam and Tan Sri Abdul Rahim Tamby Chik were nominated by the five divisions.

All five divisions had also nominated Youth and Sports Minister Datuk Hishammuddin Tun Hussein for the Umno Youth head post. Umno Youth exco member Datuk Abdul Aziz Sheikh Fadzir was nominated as the movement's vice-head.

Batu Berendam, Selandar and Kota Melaka Wanita Umno nominated International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz for Wanita Umno chief.

The three divisions also nominated Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's department Datuk Sharizat Abdul Jalil as Wanita vice-chief.

National Unity and Social Development Minister Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman was nominated by Alor Gajah and Jasin to defend her post as Wanita Umno chief.

The two divisions also nominated Wanita Umno exco member Ainon Khariyah Mohamed Abas for Wanita vice-head.

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