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Commotion at Sungei Petani Umno meeting

SUNGAI PETANI, Sat. - A commotion almost turned the Sungai Petani Umno delegates meeting into chaos today.

It started as delegates were about to begin voting for candidates nominated for the vice-president's posts.

The commotion started with differences between a committee member and division chief Ibrahim Mustaffa. Others tried to join in the fray but were stopped by more level-headed delegates.

The meeting later resumed after the situation was finally brought under control by permanent chairman Ismail Mohd Noor.

The division later nominated Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi unanimously for the president's and deputy president's posts respectively.

However, the delegates had to use a show of hands to vote for the vice-president's posts.

Those nominated were incumbents Tan Sri Muhammad Muhd Taib and Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and Kota Tinggi division head Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar.

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