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FIVE DIVISIONS IN JOHOR NOMINATE DR M AND PAK LAH

JOHOR BAHRU, March 5 (Bernama) -- All five Umno divisions in Johor which held their delegates conferences today nominated Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for the party presidency and Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi for the number two post.

The five divisions are Ledang, Sungai Benut, Senai, Segamat and Tenggara.

For the vice-president posts, Johor Menteri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman and Defence Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak were nominated by all the five divisions.

Sabah Chief Minister Datuk Osu Sukam got two nominations for vice-presidency (Senai and Tenggara) while Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Dr Rais Yatim, Negeri Sembilan Menteri Besar Tan Sri Mohamed Isa Abdul Samad and Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Abu Hassan Omar received one each.

Rais was nominated by Sungai Benut, Mohamed Isa by Segamat and Abu Hassan by Ledang.

Abdul Ghani, who is Johor Umno chief, is among three leaders from Johor who have offered to vie for the vice-presidency in the party elections in May.

The other two are Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar and Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

Syed Hamid is Johor Umno deputy chairman and Kota Tinggi division head while Muhyiddin is Pagoh division chief.

Johor has 20 divisions and the rest will meet by the end of this month.

The Mersing division will meet on March 12 and the Bakri division, on March 18.

Four divisions -- Johor Baharu, Gelang Patah, Parit Sulong and Sri Gading -- will hold their conferences on March 19, while nine meetings are scheduled for March 26 involving Pulai, Pagoh, Tebrau, Kluang, Labis, Batu Pahat, Muar, Pontian and Kota Tinggi.

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