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GRIK NOMINATES TENGKU RAZALEIGH FOR VICE PRESIDENT

GRIK, March 5 (Bernama) -- The Grik Umno Division today nominated Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah for Umno Vice President at its delegates conference here.

So far this is his first nomination for the post.

The division the first to hold its delegates conference in Perak, nominated Tengku Razaleigh in line with the proposal by three Menteris Besar that he be nominated for the post to preserve party unity.

Grik's two other nominations for vice president were incumbent Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and Johor Menteri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman.

Grik also renominated Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for Umno President and nominated Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad for Deputy President.

On Friday, Menteris Besar Tan Sri Shahidan Kassim (Perlis), Datuk Seri Tajol Rosli Ghazali (Perak) and Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain (Kedah) made the proposal in Songkhla, South Thailand, while attending the Indonesia-Malaysia-Thailand Growth Triangle (IMT-GT) meeting.

Tajol Rosli, who is Grik Umno Division head, said the nomination of Tengku Razaleigh was to preserve the party's strength and to ensure he remained part of the party's struggle.

He said if possible the Batu Gajah Umno Division's recent proposal that Najib and Tengku Razaleigh be returned unopposed as party vice presidents should be accepted by all divisions as this would resolve many problems.

"It is better for Umno members to accept the fact that unity is more important than individual victories," he said.

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