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Ku Li gets Arau nomination for council seat

KANGAR, Sun. - Kelantan Umno chairman Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah only managed to secure one nomination for the party's supreme council post. It was from the Arau Umno division, headed by Perlis Umno chief Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim.

The nomination for the position did not meet Shahidan's initial call for all the three divisions in Perlis, along with those in Perak and Kedah, to nominate Tengku Razaleigh for one of the three elected vice-president's posts.

It was learnt that Arau Umno delegates had decided against nominating him to the party's third highest post as he had refused to make a firm stand on which post he would want to contest in the May 11 party elections.

They instead nominated incumbent Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, Johor Umno head Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman and Sabah party chief Datuk Seri Osu Sukam for the vice-president posts.

Shahidan, who is also the Menteri Besar, had made a joint-statement on the matter with his counterparts, Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain of Kedah and Datuk Seri Tajol Rosli Ghazali of Perak, earlier this month.

They had supported Tengku Razaleigh's nomination for vice-presidency to avoid him from contesting for the posts of president or deputy president which could lead to disunity in the party.

The Padang Besar Umno division which met last week also nominated Tengku Razaleigh for the supreme council seat.

The Kangar Umno division - the only one left in Perlis - will meet on March 26.

The others nominated today for the supreme council posts were Datuk Mustapa Mohamed, Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim, Tan Sri Dr Abdul Hamid Pawanteh, Datuk Azmi Khalid, Datuk Dr Afifuddin Omar, Datuk Abdul Kadir Syeikh Fadzir, Datuk Dr Abdul Hamid Othman, Datuk Seri Shariff Omar, Datuk Dr Helmi Yahya, Datuk Seri Tajol Rosli Ghazali, Datuk Mohamad Nazri Aziz, Tan Sri Ramli Ngah Talib, Datuk Shafie Mohd Salleh, Datuk Seri Abu Hassan Omar, Datuk Shahrizat Abdul Jalil, Datuk Drs Sulaiman Mohamed, Abdul Azim Mohd Zabidi, Tan Sri Mohd Isa Samad, Datuk Wira Mohd Ali Rustam, Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar, Datuk Seri Adenan Yaacob, Datuk Idris Jusoh, Datuk Shafie Afdal and Datuk Salleh Tun Said Keruak.

The delegates also nominated party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to retain his current post and Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi to be his deputy.

Tan Sri Sulaiman Ninam Shah was also nominated to retain his permanent chairman position and Datuk Onn Ismail as his deputy.

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