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Umno-Padang Terap

PADANG TERAP UMNO DIVISION NOMINATES MAHATHIR AND ABDULLAH

KUALA NERANG, March 11 (Bernama) -- The Padang Terap Umno division today nominated Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for party president and Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi for the deputy presidency.

A delegate tried to get the division to nominate Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah for the deputy president's post but was unsuccessful.

None of the other delegates were prepared to second the proposal made by the delegate, Kampung Pulau Pai Selatan village head Abdul Wahab Hashim.

For the three vice-president posts, the division chose incumbents Datuk Seri Najib Razak and Tan Sri Muhammad Muhammad Taib and former vice-president Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yasin.

Earlier, the division's committee had through its information chief Fisol Abdul Aziz proposed Najib, Muhammad and Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman for the posts.

But this was not supported to by several delegates who instead proposed other names including Datuk Seri Abu Hasan Omar, Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar and Tan Sri Isa Samad.

When put to vote by a show of hands, Najib secured 131 votes, Muhyiddin 109 and Muhammad 68.

The division also nominated 25 people for party Supreme Council posts.

The division meeting was earlier opened by its chief Datuk Dr Affifuddin Omar.

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