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Sanggang-Candidate

PM TO GET CANDIDATE LIST FOR SANGGANG AFTER JAKARTA TRIP

KUANTAN, March 7 (Bernama) -- The Barisan Nasional (BN) candidate list for the Sanggang state by-election will be submitted to Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad when he returns from an official visit to Indonesia.

Pahang Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob said the Mentakab Umno division had asked for a few more days to prepare the list of prospective candidates.

The BN candidate would be someone of integrity, acceptable to all and who could retain the seat for the coalition, he told reporters here today.

The Prime Minister will leave for Jakarta on Thursday for a two-day visit.

The Sanggang seat fell vacant when State Executive Councillor Datuk Abdullah Kia died on Feb 26 after suffering a stroke.

Adnan said he briefed the Umno Supreme Council yesterday on the vacant Sanggang seat.

For the by-election, the Council appointed party secretary-general Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob to head the BN machinery at the federal level and Adnan, at the state level.

Adnan said in his recent meeting with Mentakab Umno members he reminded them to support whoever was picked to represent the BN in the by-election.

He will meet Pahang BN component party leaders tomorrow to discuss preparations for the election campaign.

"We have our own strategies and ways to win the hearts of the people. Whatever PAS wants to do...let it be," he said.

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