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`Don't be preoccupied with choice of candidate'

KUANTAN, Tues. - Pahang Umno chief Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob today urged party members in Mentakab not to be too occupied with the question of who would be picked to stand in the Sanggang by-election.

"Once the party leadership has made a decision, we must give our undivided support to the candidate," he said.

Adnan, who is Pahang Menteri Besar, said he was aware that the Sanggang Umno branch had wanted a local to stand there but this did not mean that those from within Mentakab should not be selected.

"They want a local. So, I told them the candidate may not be from Sanggang but from any part of Mentakab," he said.

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 said he had also obtained feedback from village headmen on the choice of candidate.

Adnan said the list of potential candidates would be submitted to Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad when he returned from an official visit to Indonesia.

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

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