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RAIS AND ABDUL RAHIM RECEIVE NOMINATIONS AFTER VOTING

JASIN, March 19 (Bernama) --- There was tension at the Jasin Umno division delegates meeting today when some delegates disagreed with the list of candidates for the post of party vice-presidents and Supreme Council members and demanded that voting be carried out.

Mohd Tahir Hussein from the Jasin branch objected to the list of candidates announced by deputy division head Datuk Ahmad Hamzah and demanded that there should be a vote to decide on the candidates to be nominated for the party election in May.

Mohd Tahir proposed Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Dr Rais Yatim for nomination for the post of vice-president while Abdul Rahman Mohd Zaid from the Tedong Barat branch proposed that former Melaka Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Rahim Thamby Chik be nominated as a candidate for the party Supreme Council.

The initial list of candidates read by Ahmad earlier did not include Rais and Abdul Rahim.

According to the earlier list, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi were nominated for the post of party president and deputy president respectively.

For the post of vice-presidents, Defence Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, Johor Menteri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman and Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin were proposed in the earlier list.

Following Mohd Tahir's suggestion, a vote was taken to decide whether Rais or Muhyiddin would be nominated by the division for the vice-presidency.

Abdul Rahman also proposed that a vote be taken to decide whether Abdul Rahim or the Umno Terengganu Information Head Awang Jabar would be included as the 25th name in the list of Supreme Council members read by Ahmad Hamzah.

Permanent chairman Datuk Jaafar Lajis then put it to the delegates whether they wanted the vote to be carried out through secret ballots or by a show of hand.

Following the vote which was carried out by a show of hand, Rais and Abdul Rahim who both received 124 votes were chosen as candidates for the vice-presidency and Supreme Council member respectively defeating Muhyiddin and Awang who received 112 votes.

The meeting was officiated by Jasin Umno division head Datuk Seri Abu Zahar Isnin, who is also Parliamentary Secretary of the Home Affairs Ministry.

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