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RAZALEIGH FAILS TO WIN NOMINATION FOR TWO POSTS

KUANTAN, March 19 (Bernama) -- Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah failed to secure nomination for Umno deputy president and vice-president after being proposed for the two posts at the party's Kuantan division meeting today.

The Kelantan prince received only 65 votes against 199 by Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi in a secret ballot for the division's deputy president nominee.

Razaleigh was proposed by division treasurer Shaharom Zainuddin and Abdullah by committee member Fauzun Abdul Samad.

The meeting, opened by division chief Datuk Fauzi Abdul Rahman, was attended by 266 delegates.

The delegates unanimously nominated Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for Umno president.

Seri Kemunting Umno branch chief Mohamad bin Yahaya proposed Razaleigh for one of the three vice-president posts, but the prince lost to Datuk Seri Najib Razak, Datuk Abu Hassan Omar and Datuk Seri Osu Sukam in the voting.

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