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Redzwan Harun is the BN candidate for Sanggang seat

MENTAKAB, Sat. - The Barisan Nasional today named Mentakab Umno committee member Redzwan Harun, 49, as its candidate for the Sanggang by-election, 10 days ahead of nomination day.

In a departure from the past when names of BN candidates were only announced on the eve of nomination day, State Umno liaison chief Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob said the change was to give ample time for the coalition to introduce Redzwan to the constituents.

"Redzwan's candidacy has received the consent of Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who had asked me to make an announcement," he said after a meeting with 33 Umno branch heads in the Sanggang constituency.

Redzwan was the Temerloh mosque administration co-ordinating officer. Adnan, who as Menteri Besar and will spearhead the campaign machinery in the State, said the party leadership had decided on the candidate and everyone in BN, especially Umno, should give undivided support to the selected candidate and work hard to ensure victory.

He said like all by-elections in the past, the State BN was expecting this to be tough, as the Opposition would pool its resources from all over the country.

The by-election follows the death of Sanggang State Assemblyman Datuk Abdullah Kia on Feb 26.

The Election Commission has fixed March 21 for nomination and, in the event of a contest, polling will be held on April 1.

Born on Jan 25, 1951, Redzwan, who is Kampung Jenderak Umno branch head and Temerloh Municipal Councillor, studied at the Al-Azhar University in Cairo. He is a holder of a Diploma in Islamic Studies from Al-Habad Government Oriental College, Ranpur, India.

He served as assistant lecturer at the Sabah Missionary Training Centre for 13 years before taking up an appointment as assistant training officer at the Islamic Development Department.

He later joined the Temerloh Mosque.

The father of six said he was thankful to the party president and the Pahang Umno chief for their confidence in him.

"If elected, I will strive to continue the good work of my predecessor," Redzwan said.

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