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Search for MB still on

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KLANG, Thurs. - The search for the replacement for Datuk Seri Abu Hassan Omar as the Menteri Besar of Selangor continues as the authorities gather more facts about shortlisted candidates.

While waiting for the new Menteri Besar to be named, preparations for Selangor to host the Merdeka celebration continue, with the Regent Tengku Idris Shah making a surprise visit to Dataran Kemerdekaan yesterday.

It is understood the authorities are "leaving no stone unturned" in making their choice of the 13th Menteri Besar.

Latest to join the list of candidates is the Batu Tiga State Assemblyman Datuk Salamon Selamat, whose biodata was sent to Istana Negara for perusal this morning.

Salamon, the State Assembly speaker, is married and has three children.

While speculation is rife about State Assemblymen whose names have not been submitted to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, it is learnt only the biodata of Beranang assemblyman Ahamad Kuris and Salamon were sought.

However, there are strong indications that Deputy Menteri Besar Datuk Dr Zainal Abidin Ahmad may be appointed to the post.

Umno pundits are also not ruling out State Housing, Local Government and Squatters committee chairman Datuk Mohd Mokhtar Ahmad Dahalan and State Rural Development, Agriculture and Fisheries committee chairman Datuk Raja Ideris Raja Ahmad, who were among those shortlisted.

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