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## Second nomination

PASIR MAS, Fri. - Kelantan Umno liaison chief Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah today received his second nomination to contest for the post of deputy president at the party's May election and this came from the Pasir Mas division.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad was nominated for the presidency.

The package nomination for the party's top two posts, proposed by division leader Datuk Paduka Ibrahim Ali and supported by his deputy, Datuk Abdul Rahim Abdul Rahman, was passed at the meeting after an attempt by Hanafi Ibrahim from the Kubang Badak branch to nominate Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi for the deputy presidency.

Hanafi rose from his seat and requested that nominations for the posts be re-opened though it had been closed saying that his package for the posts was Dr Mahathir and Abdullah.

Permanent chairman Ab Ghani Daud left the matter to be decided by the 395 delegates and voting was carried out where majority voted for the nomination be closed.

Tengku Razaleigh received his first nomination - for the posts of both president and deputy president - from the Tanah Merah division early this month.

Tengku Razaleigh was also nominated for the post of vice-president along with Pagoh Umno chief Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and Selangor Umno chief Datuk Seri Abu Hassan Omar.

Speaking to reporters later, Ibrahim said his move in nominating Tengku Razaleigh for the party's May election was merely to honour the former Parti Melayu Semangat 46 (S46) president for his sacrifices to Umno.

"It is to honour his (Tengku Razaleigh's) willingness to dissolve S46 and return to Umno.

"As Umno's State liaison chief, a post given to him six months after S46 was dissolved, Tengku Razaleigh had helped swing 4.2 per cent of the votes from the opposition to Barisan Nasional in the last general election though we (Barisan Nasional) lost," he added.

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