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Selangor submits list of 100 turncoats

KUALA SELANGOR, Sat. - Selangor Umno has submitted names of 100 turncoats during the recent general election to the supreme council for appropriate action, State chief Datuk Seri Abu Hassan Omar said today.

"Of the figures, 30 to 40 have been expelled while the fate of the rest depends on investigations," said Abu Hassan, who is also the Menteri Besar.

He said 20 were from his Kuala Selangor constituency. They were found contesting as opposition candidates or working with the opposition.

Speaking to reporters after opening the annual general meetings of 60 branches, Abu Hassan said the 100 members could not attend Umno general meetings at branch or state levels.

In his speech, he said all the 17 divisions in Selangor must nominate Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi for the posts of president and deputy president respectively in the May election.

"We will make sure no division will nominate anyone else," he said. He confirmed he would contest the vice-president's post.

Former Selangor Menteri Besar and vice-president Tan Sri Muhammad Muhammad Taib has decided to seek re-election.

Abu Hassan said their aim in having all 60 branch annual general meetings simultaneously was to consolidate the party's position.

"We have to strengthen the grassroots support. Losing two States (Kelantan and Terengganu) and some seats in Pahang, Kedah and Selangor has shown that our support is weakening. By having meetings together we can strengthen our position," he said.

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