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SEVEN DIVISIONS IN JOHOR NOMINATE DR M, PAK LAH

JOHOR BAHRU, March 18 (Bernama) -- Seven Umno divisions in Johor have nominated Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi for the president and deputy president's posts.

The divisions are Ledang, Sungai Benut, Senai, Segamat, Tenggara, Mersing and Bakri. The Bakri division held its delegates' meeting today while Mersing on March 12 and five other divisions on March 5.

Johor has 20 divisions. The remaining 13 will meet by end of this month.

Four divisions -- Johor Baharu, Gelang Patah, Parit Sulong and Sri Gading -- will meet tomorrow while nine on March 26. They are Pulai, Pagoh, Tebrau, Kluang, Labis, Batu Pahat, Muar, Pontian and Kota Tinggi.

Menteri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman and Defence Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak were nominated by all seven divisions for the vice-president's post.

Ghani, the Johor Umno liaison chief, is among three Umno leaders from Johor vying for the third highest post in the party's elections in May.

Two other aspirants are Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar and Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

Syed Hamid is also State Umno deputy chief and Kota Tinggi MP while Muhyiddin is Pagoh division head.

Negeri Sembilan Menteri Besar Tan Sri Mohamed Isa Abdul Samad garnered three nominations while Sabah Chief Minister Datuk Osu Sukam picked up two.

Isa was proposed by Segamat, Mersing and Bakri while Osu got the thumbs-up from Senai and Tenggara.

Minister in Prime Minister's Department Datuk Dr Rais Yatim and Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Abu Hassan Omar collected one nomination each.

Sungai Benut went for Rais while Abu Hassan was Ledang's choice.

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