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Umno-Nominations (Roundup)

SHAHORIZAT GETS ONE MORE NOMINATION

KUALA LUMPUR, March 31 (Bernama) -- The Pengkalan Chepa Wanita Umno division today nominated Datuk Shahrizat Abdul Jalil for the post of Wanita Umno vice head, leaving incumbent Datuk Napsiah Omar still three nominations short to qualify to defend her post.

So far, 157 Wanita Umno divisions have held their respective delegates meeting and only eight more have yet to do so.

If Napsiah fails to receive three more nominations then her name will be excluded from the list of candidates contesting for the movement's vice chief post in the May party elections.

Shahrizat has so far received 86 votes while her closest challenger, Perak Wanita Umno head Ainon Khariyah Mohd Abas has 48 nominations.

For the post of Wanita Umno head, Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz received another nomination from the Pengkalan Chepa division, pushing up her total to 89 so far while incumbent Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman has 68 nominations.

As for the Umno divisions, 10 of the 11 divisions that held their delegates meeting today gave their solid support to Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi for the post of party president and deputy president respectively.

The two top party leaders received nominations from the Kota Baharu, Dungun, Kubang Kerian, Kulim-Bandar Baharu, Kinabalu, Keningau, Tumpat, Pengkalan Chepa, Machang and Kepong.

Only the Gua Musang division did not make any nomination for the two top posts as well as the party's vice presidencies and supreme council seats. The division, on the other hand, left it to the committee to decide on the candidates.

Following the meetings held today, the nominations received by Dr Mahathir and Abdullah rose to 149 and 148 respectively.

For the post of vice presidents, incumbent Datuk Seri Najib Razak now has 137 nominations, Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman (74), Datuk Abu Hassan Omar (50), Datuk Osu Sukam (36), Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar (32), Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin (31), incumbent Tan Sri Muhammad Muhammad Taib (26), Tan Sri Mohd Isa Samad (25), Datuk Dr Rais Yatim (21) and Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah (13).

Only 14 more Umno divisions have yet to hold their delegates meeting.

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