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Umno-Posts (Round-up)

TANAH MERAH UMNO IGNORES SUPREME COUNCIL'S ADVICE

KUALA LUMPUR, March 10 (Bernama) -- The Umno Supreme Council's advice that there should be no contest for the post of party president and deputy president appears to have been ignored by the Tanah Merah Umno division when it nominated Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah to contest for both posts.

Although it was aware that Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi had received wide support for the two top posts with nominations from 17 Umno divisions that had already held their meetings, the Tanah Merah division still went against the general trend for its own reasons.

The nomination for the Kelantan Umno Liaison chairman was proposed by the Tanah Merah division head Datuk Hashim Safin and was supported by the majority of the 370 delegates by a show of hands.

Tengku Razaleigh received the highest votes on the two rounds of voting.

Hashim clarified later that the decision was made by the division based on the statement by Tengku Razaleigh earlier indicating his willingness to contest for any post if there were nominations from the grassroots for him.

Tengku Razaleigh had earlier received one nomination for the post of vice-president from the Gerik Umno division which held its delegates meeting on March 5.

Candidates intending to contest for the post of party president must secure at least 30 per cent support or 50 nominations from the 165 Umno divisions. For the post of deputy president, aspiring candidates need to have at least 25 per cent support from the 165 divisions.

All the 165 Umno divisions are required to have their delegates meeting by March 31.

The Supreme Council at its meeting on Jan 3 had advised members that the posts of party president and deputy president should not be contested to preserve party unity.

It proposed that Dr Mahathir retained the president's post and Abdullah elected into the number two slot.

The 17 divisions that nominated Dr Mahathir and Abdullah for the two top posts were Ledang, Senai, Tenggara, Sungai Benut and Segamat (Johor), Tawau, Papar, Penampang, Sipitang and Bandau (Sabah), Batu Gajah and Gerik (Perak), Jelutong and Tasik Gelugor (Penang), Batu Berendam in Melaka, Cheras in the Federal Territory and Sik in Kedah.

For the post of vice-presidents, nine names had been nominated so far namely incumbent Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak (17 nominations), Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman (13), Datuk Osu Sukam (7), Tan Sri Mohamad Isa Abdul Samad (4), Datuk Seri Abu Hassan Omar (5), Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar (3), Datuk Dr Rais Yatim (2), Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah (1) and incumbent Tan Sri Muhammad Haji Muhammad Taib (1).

Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, who has indicated his willingness to contest for a vice-president post, has yet to receive a nomination.

Aspiring candidates for the vice-president's post must secure the support of at least 20 per cent of the 165 divisions.

In the contest for the post of Umno Wanita head, there is keen competition between International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz, who received 22 nominations so far, and incumbent Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman who secured 13 nominations.

For the post of vice-head, Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Shahrizat Abdul Jalil is leading with 22 nominations followed by Perak Wanita Umno chief Ainon Khariyah Mohd Abas (10) and incumbent Datuk Napsiah Omar (3).

For the post of Umno Youth head, acting head Datuk Hishammuddin Hussein continued to receive strong support from 41 Youth divisions which had held their meetings.

In the contest for the movement's vice-head, Exco member Datuk Abdul Aziz Sheikh Fadzir received 36 nominations while Zein Isma Ismail received four nominations and Mustapha Khalid received one.

NOMINATIONS FOR UMNO TOP POSTS (Total number of divisions: 165)

The number of nominations as of March 10

PRESIDENT:

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1. Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad - 17
 2. Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah - 1
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DEPUTY PRESIDENT:

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1. Datuk Seri Abdullah Badawi - 17
 2. Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah - 1
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VICE-PRESIDENT:

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1. Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak - 17
 2. Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman - 13
 3. Datuk Osu Sukam - 7
 4. Tan Sri Mohamad Isa Abdul Samad - 4
 5. Datuk Seri Abu Hassan Omar - 5
 6. Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar - 3
 7. Datuk Dr Rais Yatim - 2
 8. Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah - 1
 9. Tan Sri Muhammad Haji Muhammad Taib - 1
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UMNO YOUTH HEAD:

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1. Datuk Hishammuddin Hussein - 41
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UMNO YOUTH VICE-HEAD:

1. Datuk Abdul Aziz Sheikh Fadzir - 36
 2. Zein Isma Ismail - 4
 3. Mustapha Khalid - 1
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UMNO WANITA HEAD:

1. Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz - 22
 2. Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah - 13
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UMNO WANITA VICE-HEAD:

1. Datuk Shahrizat Abdul jalil - 22
 2. Ainon Khariyah Mohd Abas - 10
 3. Datuk Napsiah Omar - 3
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