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Umno-Nominations (Melaka)

THREE MORE MELAKA DIVISIONS NOMINATE DR MAHATHIR AND ABDULLAH

MELAKA, March 12 (Bernama) -- The three Umno divisions which held their delegates' conference today nominated Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for the Umno presidency and his deputy Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi for the post of deputy president in the Umno elections in May.

The three divisions are Kota Melaka, Selandar and Alor Gajah.

The Batu Berendam division had nominated Dr Mahathir and Abdullah for the Umno president and deputy president posts respectively last Sunday.

Defence Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak was nominated by all four divisions for vice-president with Batu Berendam and Alor Gajah nominating Johor Menteri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman for the post.

The other candidates who received one nomination each for vice-president are Foreign Minister Datuk Syed Hamid Albar (Alor Gajah), Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Abu Hassan Omar (Batu Berendam), Negeri Sembilan Menteri Besar Tan Sri Isa Samad (Selandar), Sabah Chief Minister Datuk Osu Sukam (Kota Melaka), Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin (Kota Melaka) and Tan Sri Muhammad Muhammad Taib (Selandar).

For the Supreme Council seats, two candidates from Melaka -- Chief Minister Datuk Wira Mohamed Ali Rustam and Tan Sri Rahim Thamby Chik were nominated by the four divisions.

However Rahim's nomination was a "surprise" as the Melaka Umno liaison committee had earlier announced that Mohamed Ali was the sole Melaka candidate for the Supreme Council seat.

The Batu Berendam, Alor Gajah, Selandar and Kota Melaka Umno Youth nominated Youth and Sports Minister Datuk Hishammuddin Tun Hussein for the Umno Youth chief post.

The divisions' Umno Youth delegates conference also nominated Umno Youth exco member Datuk Abdul Aziz Sheikh Fadzir for the Youth vice-head's post.

Batu Berendam, Selandar and Kota Melaka Wanita wings nominated International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz for the Wanita chief's post and Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Shahrizat Abdul Jalil for the Wanita vice-head's post.

Incumbent Wanita chief National Unity and Social Development Minister Datuk Dr Siti Zaharah Sulaiman received the nomination by Alor Gajah Wanita Umno for the post.

Alor Gajah Wanita also nominated Ainon Khairiyah Mohd Abas for the Wanita vice-head's post.

The remaining Melaka Umno division yet to hold its delegates conference is the Jasir division which scheduled to meet next Sunday.

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