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Abdullah-Islam

UMNO MEMBERS SHOULD NOT FEEL INFERIOR TO PAS ON ISLAM, SAYS DPM

MENTAKAB, March 12 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said Umno members and supporters should not let PAS rhetorics make them feel inferior and guilt-ridden over fighting for the Islamic cause.

For instance, he said, they should not subscribe to PAS' fallacious exhortations that a vote for the opposition party was a ticket to heaven.

Addressing community leaders in the Sanggang state constituency here today, Abdullah said proof abound of Umno consistently putting Islam uppermost in realising its ideals.

"In fact we have all along strive for Islam and we've proven our capabilities in uplifting the image of Islam more than any other party," he said.

The Umno cause for religion, race and country should be cause for pride among party members, he said.

He cautioned party members against PAS' schemes to undermine their faith in Umno especially with the impending Sanggang state by-election slated for April 1.

Umno, he said, regarded the by-election as crucial as it was determined to keep the party's representation in the Pahang state legislature intact.

He said the Barisan Nasional election machinery should share similar determination to maintain the coalition's hold on the state legislative assembly.

Abdullah said this called for the BN election machinery to give their best to help the BN candidate retain the seat.

While nomination has been fixed for March 21, the BN had already named Redzwan Harun, 49, who is chairman of Mentakab Umno division religious bureau, as its candidate.

Pahang Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob, Information Minister and Umno secretary-general Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob and Redzwan himself were also present at the gathering.

The by-election followed the death of the Umno state assemblyman Datuk Abdullah Kia last Feb 26.

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Umno-Candidates (Beruas)

BERUAS UMNO NOMINATES DR MAHATHIR AND ABDULLAH

BERUAS, March 12 (Bernama) -- The Beruas Umno division delegates conference today nominated Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi for the president and deputy president posts in the May party election.

The delegates also nominated Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, Tan Sri Mohamed Isa Abdul Samad and Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman for the vice-president posts.

Those nominated for the Supreme Council seats are:

\* Datuk Seri Tajol Rosli Ghazali

\* Tan Sri Ramli Ngah Talib

- \* Datuk Nazri Tan Sri Aziz
- \* Datuk Seri Megat Junid Megat Ayob
- \* Datuk Aziz Shamsuddin
- \* Datuk Zainal Abidin Zin
- \* Datuk Ahmad Zahid Hamidi
- \* Datuk Dr Abdul Hamid Othman
- \* Datuk Abdul Kadir Sheikh Fadzir
- \* Datuk Azmi Khalid
- \* Datuk Wira Mohamed Ali Rustam
- \* Tan Sri Abdul Rahim Tamby Chik
- \* Datuk Dr Yusof Nor
- \* Datuk Mustapa Mohamed
- \* Datuk Shariff Omar
- \* Datuk Dr Suleiman Mohamed
- \* Datuk Dr Shafie Salleh
- \* Datuk Adam Hamid
- \* Datuk Shahrizat Abdul Jalil
- \* Datuk Maznah Hamid
- \* Datuk Hassan Ariffin
- \* Datuk Dr Ibrahim Saad
- \* Datuk Seri Panglima Lajim Ukin
- \* Datuk Railey Haji Jeffrey
- \* Abdul Azim Mohamed Zabidi

The conference also nominated Tan Sri Sulaiman Ninam Shah as the party permanent chairman and Ipoh Timur division head Datuk Yahya Shafie as the deputy permanent chairman.

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