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UNSUCCESSFUL BIDS TO NOMINATE KU LI IN SEGAMBUT

PETALING JAYA, March 19 (Bernama) -- Attempts to nominate Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah for the posts of Umno deputy president and vice-president at the Segambut division delegates meeting today proved unsuccessful.

Tengku Razaleigh's name was proposed by two delegates soon after division chief Datuk Abu Kassim Tadin tendered a list of nominees for the posts of permanent chairman and deputy permanent chairman, president, deputy president, vice-president and 25 Supreme Council members.

Although Abu Kassim had earlier explained at length that his list had been endorsed at the division's special meeting, it did not prevent delegates from making their own proposals.

As soon as his list was seconded, a delegate, Mohamed Daris from the Taman SPPK branch, stood up to propose three names for the vice-presidency -- incumbent Tan Sri Muhammad Muhamad Taib, Tan Sri Mohamed Isa Samad and Tengku Razaleigh.

After his proposal was seconded, another delegate, Sabri Manaf from the Kebun Bunga branch, stood up to make his proposal for all the posts.

He named Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for the presidency and Tengku Razaleigh for deputy president.

After getting the unanimous agreement of the 169 delegates, the proposals were divided into three packages for voting, with Abu Kassim's list known as package A and the others, B and C.

When package A was put to a vote, 100 delegates stood up as a sign of agreement.

Since this was more than half the number present, the delegates agreed to accept Abu Kassim's list without voting on the other two.

Abu Kassim's list nominated Dr Mahathir and Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi for president and deputy president respectively.

Those nominated as vice-presidents are incumbent Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, Datuk Seri Abu Hassan Omar and Datuk Dr Rais Yatim.

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