

# Assemblyman Fauzi Nst 30 MAR 2001 confirms decision to quit

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KUANTAN, Thurs. — Beserah State Assemblyman Datuk Fauzi Abdul Rahman confirmed tonight his intention to step down as a *wakil rakyat*.

He said he would submit his resignation letter to Pahang Umno liaison committee chairman and Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob tomorrow.

Incumbent Kuantan division chief Fauzi said he had made up his mind to step down following the outcome of the nominations from the branches so far for next month's party divisional elections.

Of the 65 branches in the Kuantan division, 59 have convened their meetings, of which only nine nominated Fauzi for the division's top post.

Division deputy chairman Datuk Wan Adnan Wan Mamat received 20, while vice-chairman Datuk Faisal Abdullah had 29 nominations.

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Faisal Abdullah had 29 nominations.

A candidate needs at least 13 nominations to qualify to contest the division's top post.

"Looking at the nominations so far, it appears that Beserah Umno members whom I represent are rejecting me, and there is no point in continuing being a *wakil rakyat* there if my services are not wanted."

He was speaking to reporters after a 40-minute meeting with Adnan at the latter's official residence here.

Fauzi, however, said he would re-

main an Umno member.

"Initially, I thought of submitting my resignation letter to the Prime Minister (Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad), but I later realised that I should follow the proper procedure and submit it to the State party chief."

Fauzi said he had requested Adnan to investigate into elements of corruption during the branch nominations in the Kuantan division.

"Adnan has given me his assurance to carry out a thorough investigation," he said.

Adnan, meanwhile, said he would study the contents of Fauzi's resignation letter first before deciding whether or not to accept it.