

Clean sweep by Dr M and aides

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PETALING JAYA: Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his aides made a clean sweep of the top three posts in the Kubang Pasu Umno division.

Kubang Pasu was among several Umno divisions which held their delegates meeting yesterday.

The Prime Minister was returned unopposed as division chief, his special representa-

tive Tan Sri Osman Aroff took the number two post after beating Datuk Saad Man by 21 votes while his political secretary Datuk Johari Baharom was returned unopposed as the division vice-chief.

In Padang Terap, Datuk Dr Affifuddin Omar lost his bid to retain his division's top post to challenger Datuk Ghazali Ibrahim. Dr Affifuddin re-

ceived 165 votes to Ghazali's 184.

In Pendang, former Parliamentary Secretary in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Othman Abdul won the top post by beating Sungai Tiang assemblyman Mohd Rozai Safian by 10 votes. Othman polled 228 votes.

In the Kangar division, former deputy Home Minister

Datuk Radzi Sheikh Ahmad beat Ahmad Bakri Ali by 144 votes to win the top post.

The division's deputy chief's post was won by special officer in the Mentri Besar's office Azam Rashid while the number three post was won by Kangar Hospital staff Azmi Suboh.

In the Kinabalu Umno division meeting, Land and Co-op-

erative Development Minister Tan Sri Kasitah Gaddam and Sabah Institute of Development Studies chairman Datuk Masidi Manjun were returned unopposed as division chairman and deputy chairman respectively.

The division meeting for Beluran in Sabah which was scheduled for yesterday was deferred to another date fol-

lowing the death of one of the contestants for the division chief's post.

Mardin Malayu, 43, died of a heart attack in Sandakan yesterday.

He was expected to challenge incumbent division head Datuk Surady Kayong who is also state Assistant Minister for Housing and Local Government.