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Dr M among six returned unopposed

ALOR STAR, Tues. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is among six Umno division chiefs in Kedah who won their posts uncontested.

Dr Mahathir, who is Kubang Pasu division chief and the other five incumbents won unopposed either because no other candidate was nominated or those nominated did not get the 20 per cent branch nominations.

The other division chiefs who were returned unopposed are Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain (Kuala Kedah), religious adviser to Dr Mahathir, Datuk Paduka Abdul Hamid Othman (Sik), Culture, Arts and Tourism Minister Datuk Abdul Kadir Sheikh Fadzir (Kulim/Bandar Baru), State Housing and Local Government committee chairman Ahmad Bashah Md Hanipah (Alor Star) and the political secretary to Special Functions Minister Tun Daim Zainuddin, Arzmi Hamid (Merbok).

State Umno liaison committee secretary Osman Md Aji said State Assembly Speaker Datuk Badaruddin Amiruldin is also likely to be returned unopposed as Yan division chief.

The division's Youth chief Datuk Shuhaimi Abdullah has yet to decide to challenge Badaruddin.

Contests are expected in the other nine divisions.

Many more branches in Kedah's 15 divisions have yet to conduct their annual general meetings.

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