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Gaya Umno division will support any candidate

KOTA KINABALU, Fri. - The Gaya Umno division has given an assurance that it will respect and accept whoever is chosen by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad as the Barisan Nasional candidate for the July 21 Likas State by-election.

The division headed by Datuk Uzair Yahya gave the assurance at a meeting with Umno vice-president Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak at the State Umno headquarters here to discuss preparations for the by-election.

"I am satisfied with the assurance given by the Gaya Umno division," Najib said, adding that Umno Gaya had also pledged to work hard to ensure a resounding victory for the BN.

It is learnt that Umno Gaya had notified the State BN of its interest to field a candidate in the by-election.

Najib hoped that the assurance given by Umno Gaya would erase any perception that there were internal problems among the State BN component members on the choice of candidate for the by-election.

"We (the BN) will work as a team ... we are a big but united family," he said.

He advised voters to disregard rumours that were likely to be spread by irresponsible quarters aimed at creating fear among them.

Najib, who arrived here early this morning, also met with Chief Minister Datuk Chong Kah Kiat.

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