

BN picks Yum for Ketari

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Lawyer a familiar face to voters, says Adnan

BENTONG: Local-born lawyer Yum Ah Ha @ Yim Ah Ha has been picked as the Barisan Nasional candidate for the Ketari by-election.

Pahang Barisan Nasional chairman and election director Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob announced this at the Bentong Umno office here yesterday.

Adnan said those who were shortlisted but not chosen should not be disheartened and continue to ensure a Barisan victory.

He said Yum was the best possible candidate to represent the coalition because he was a local and a familiar face to Ketari voters.

Yum will face DAP's Choong Siew Onn in what is expected to be

a straight fight in the coming by-election.

Yum, 51, who is Ketari Gerakan branch chairman, has been a state liaison committee member since 1998.

He thanked Barisan Nasional chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Adnan and Gerakan president Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik for having confidence in him.

Yum said he was positive that Barisan had a bright chance of retaining the seat with the support from component party members.

He promised to work hard to ensure a Barisan win and pledged to give his best possible service to the constituents if elected.

Among those present at the announcement were Dr Lim,

Penang Chief Minister Tan Sri Koh Tsu Koon, MCA deputy president Datuk Lim Ah Lek, Pahang MCA chairman Datuk Chan Kong Choy, state MIC chairman R. Sinnathamby and state PPP information chief S. Suparman.

Yum, who has been a Gerakan member since 1997, served with the police force from 1976 to 1993 when he took optional retirement from the force after holding the post of assistant superintendent.

During his time in the police force he pursued the University of London (external) law degree and he obtained his Certificate of Legal Practice in 1994.

Married with three children, Yum is the legal adviser to 10 associations and guilds.