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BN TO NAME INDERA KAYANGAN CANDIDATE TOMORROW

KANGAR, Jan 4 (Bernama) -- The Barisan Nasional (BN) candidate for the Indera Kayangan state by-election will be announced tomorrow, MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said tonight.

He said Perlis Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Shahidan Kassim, who is BN's director for the by-election, would announce the name of the candidate at his official residence tomorrow afternoon.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who is BN chairman, has selected the BN candidate.

"We want to announce it early so that the prospective candidates need not wait for too long," he told reporters after chairing the first meeting of the MCA task force for the by-election here.

The meeting was also attended by MCA deputy president Datuk Lim Ah Lek and vice-presidents Datuk Seri Ong Ka Ting, Datuk Chua Jui Meng and Datuk Dr Fong Chan Onn.

The by-election was called following the death of state assemblyman Datuk Khor Liang Tee, who was Perlis MCA chairman, on Dec 19.

Nomination day is Jan 10 and polling has been fixed for Jan 19.

Dr Ling said the candidate was in the list of four names submitted by MCA to the prime minister.

The four names proposed are Perlis Wanita MCA chief Oui Ah Lan, Kangar division vice-head Steven Lee Yin Chon, Perlis MCA secretary Tan Kok Kheng and Perlis MCA assistant secretary Ch'ng Ban San.

Dr Ling said the four had pledged to support whoever was elected to contest the seat.

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