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Chief Minister to announce BN candidate for by-election

KOTA KINABALU, Tues. - Chief Minister and State Barisan Nasional chairman Datuk Chong Kah Kiat will announce tomorrow the coalition's candidate for the Gaya parliamentary by-election.

He will make the announcement after chairing a State BN meeting at Putatan Square near here.

The candidate was decided during a meeting between Chong, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi in Kuala Lumpur this morning.

"We had a very useful and good discussion and we have decided on the candidate," Chong said on arrival at the Kota Kinabalu International Airport.

Chong said he had been instructed by the Prime Minister to announce the candidate tomorrow.

The State BN meeting tomorrow will discuss the preparations to be made by its Sabah component members for the by-election.

"I want to know from my colleagues in the State BN on their preparations for the by-election."

Chong said that Abdullah, who is deputy BN chairman, would arrive here tomorrow to accompany the co-alition's candidate to the nomination centre.