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Ketari-Ah HA
THE BN CANDIDATE FOR KETARI IS YUM AH HA

BENTONG, March 12 (Bernama) -- The Barisan Nasional candidate for the Ketari state by-election is lawyer Yum Ah Ha, Pahang Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob announced today. He is 50 and Chairman of the Ketari Gerakan branch.

Yum is from the Kwangsai clan, the majority clan within the Chinese community of Ketari.

Adnan said the Prime Minister and BN Chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had agreed to the Gerakan's choice of Yum after discussions with Gerakan President Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik and the Pahang BN.

The BN candidate's name was announced by the Menteri Besar at the Bentong Umno Building here. Also present were Dr Lim, Gerakan Vice President Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon, Deputy MCA President Datuk Lim Ah Lek, Bentong MP Liow Tiong Lai, Mentakab MP Datuk Fo Ah Kiow and Pahang MIC Chief Datuk R Sinnathamby as well as hundreds of BN supporters.

Yum, the fifth of nine children, was born on Nov 17, 1951 at Ketari.

Yum received his early education at the SJK (C) Ketari in Bentong and after Standard Six continued his secondary education at the Kai Mun Secondary School and the Catholic High School and then completed his Form Six at the Sekolah Menengah Sulaiman.

He continued his studies at the Vanto Academy in Petaling Jaya and then joined the Royal Malaysia Police Force as a Probationary Inspector in 1976.

After four years Yum was confirmed as a Police Inspector and 10 years later in 1990 he was promoted to the rank of Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP).

He went on optional retirement in 1993 after having earned an LLB External Degree from London University a year earlier.

He became an Advocate and Solicitor after passing the Certificate of Legal Practice Malaysia (CLP) and opened the legal firm of Yum, Ng and Stanley in 1996 with offices in Kuala Lumpur and Bentong.

He is also the Legal Adviser to the Federation of Kwangsai Associations of Bentong, Raub, Kuala Lumpur and Selangor and a member of the Pahang Ex-Policemen's Association.

Yum is expected to face the DAP's Choong Siew Onn in the upcoming by-election.

The Ketari seat fell vacant following the death of the assemblyman Datuk Loke Koon Kam of the BN on March 3.

The DAP had said Choong, 34, an executive officer with a company selling telecommunications equipment in Bentong and the party's candidate for the seat in the last two general elections would be standing again.

The Election Commission would hold a meeting at its office in Putrajaya tomorrow to discuss the nomination and polling dates for the by-election.

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