

Nominations kick off in Batu Sapi, Galas
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NOMINATION DAY LIVE

9 - 10am - Candidates hand in nomination forms
10 - 11am - Objections lodged against candidates
11am - 12 noon - Returning officer decides on objections

8.00 am - In Batu Sapi, traffic around Sandakan community hall, which is the nomination centre, is congested because one side of the main road has been closed.

Dozens of BN supporters carrying flags are gathering in front of the hall. The main rally point for BN is the Padang Besar Sandakan, about 500m from the nomination hall.

In Galas, the traffic is smooth. It is a sunny morning with a touch of mist. Hundreds of Pakatan Rakyat supporters have gathered in front the Tengku Faiz Petra mosque, which is few hundreds metres away from the nomination centre.

The procession will start with a *solat hajat* with top PAS leaders.

8.19am: In Galas, PAS president Abdul Hadi Awang arrives at the Tengku Faiz Petra mosque. There are about 500 supporters performing *zikir* inside the mosque while waiting for top PAS leaders to arrived and perform the *solat hajat*.

Meanwhile, more than 1,000 people have gathered in the mosque compound.

8.20am: In Batu Sapi, traffic is gridlocked at the Sandakan field, where BN supporters are congregating before marching to nearby nomination centre at Sandakan Municipal Hall.

There are around 500 people assembled.

8.26 a.m: In Batu Sapi, BN supporters begin their march to the nomination centre. A group of Puteri Umno members were at the front of the pack, singing patriotic songs as they marched. Most of the flags are BN flags, with a smattering of PBS flags around.

8.29am: In Galas, PAS spiritual leader Nik Aziz Nik Mat arrives at the mosque and proceeds to perform prayer. The congregation is still performing *zikir*.

Meanwhile, most of the BN supporters are spotted wearing a scarf with a 'kelate' slogan on it "Ambo Nok Parti Ku Li", which means "I Want Ku Li Party".

8.40am: In Batu Sapi, Around 300 Pakatan supporters begin marching from their operation centre about 1km away from nomination center. They are shouting 'reformasi', singing party song and carrying PKR flags.

Leading the march are party candidate Ansari Abdullah in brown batik, while holding the hand of his wife. In the group are other Pakatan leaders including Women's chief Fuziah Salleh and PAS secretary-general Mustafa Ali.

8.30am: In Batu Sapi, around 70 SAPP supporters clad in the party colour of bright yellow bearing party flags are gathering about 300m away from nomination centre.

An organiser is briefing them how to carry flags, wave them, sing party song and advised the crowd not to be provoked by other parties supporters.

8.47a.m: In Galas, Umno supporters about 300 strong gathered on their end of the road, with candidate Abdul Aziz Yusof and campaign manager Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah among them.

But they cannot go into the nomination centre yet. It's not yet 9am, say the police.

8.56am: With the end of *hajat* prayers, PAS supporters are making their way slowly to barricade. There are some DAP banners among PAS banners.

9.01am: Nik Aziz appears to be overcome with emotion when he led the *doa* after the prayers. The PAS crowd is expected to start procession to the nomination centre, located about 1km away.

While Pakatan supporters are shouting slogans such as "Hidup Rakyat", the BN crowd is a bit quiet. Among those in the BN crowd are MCA deputy chief Liow Tiong Lai, Umno leaders Ahmad Shabery Cheek and Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor.

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9.06am: PKR's Ansari Abdullah is the first candidate to enter nomination centre to submit his nomination form. He was seen waving and smiling to photographers before proceeding to the nomination counter.

A minute later, SAPP leader Yong Teck Lee entered and submit his nomination form. He is in light brown yellowish party shirt.

9.10am: PBS-BN Linda Tsen submits her nomination form. She is dressed in a grey colour suit. All three key candidates shake hands.

9.11am: In Galas, the Pakatan crowd, numbering more than 1,000 start marching from the mosque, led by PAS leaders Mahfuz Omar and other top Pakatan leaders.

They were greeted with shouts of *takbir* from supporters waiting by the roadside.