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KUALA TERENGGANU - PAS has picked its candidate for the Galas by-election in Kelantan, and will announce his name soon.

Party secretary general Mustafa Ali said Monday that PAS Harian, which is in charge of the daily running of the party, had on behalf of the central committee decided on the candidate unanimously.

The name of the candidate, chosen from a list of six, would be passed to PAS spiritual leader and Kelantan Menteri Besar Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat on Tuesday for him to make public, Mustafa told reporters here.

He said the date for naming the candidate has yet to be decided, but the party is believed to be planning to reveal its choice on Wednesday.

Mustafa said the candidate for the state seat in the Gua Musang parliamentary constituency was a local party leader who had never held an elected office.

The by-election follows the death of PAS assemblyman Chek Hashim Sulaima, 46, on Sept 27. Nomination day is Oct 26 while polling is set for Nov 4.

Mustafa conceded that Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah, the Barisan Nasional director of election for Galas, was a man of influence in Gua Musang, but added: "his will not necessarily translate into votes."

He said the decision of the Election Commission to hold polling for Galas and Batu Sapi in Sabah on the same day would benefit Barisan because of the coalition's "superior logistics." - Bernama

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