

Medical doctor is PAS frontrunner for Galas by-election
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KOTA BARU - A medical doctor has emerged as the frontrunner to become the PAS candidate for the Nov 4 Galas state by-election in Gua Musang.

Dr Zulkifli Mohamed, who has a clinic in Gua Musang, is said to be a leading contender from a shortlist of five, according to *The Star*.

The party is scheduled to formally announce its candidate late Thursday at a PAS rally in Dataran Ilmu here, where Pakatan Rakyat leaders Anwar Ibrahim, Lim Kit Siang, Abdul Hadi Awang as well as Mentri Besar and PAS spiritual adviser Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat will be present.

Another contender is Hussein Embong, an officer with a PAS organisation called Halaqah, but at this moment, Kelantan PAS is said to be leaning towards the doctor.

Dr Zulkifli was the PAS candidate for the 2004 and 2008 general elections in the Gua Musang parliamentary seat.

Both times, he lost to the nation's longest serving MP, Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah.

In 2004, he lost by a majority of 6,598 votes but reduced the gap in 2008, when he lost by a margin of 4,394.

The Galas seat fell vacant after its incumbent, Che Hashim Sulaima of PAS, succumbed to cancer on Sept 27.

Nomination day is Oct 26.

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