

Galas by-election nomination kicks off as supporters rally
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GUA MUSANG - The nomination for the Galas state by-election opened at the Gua Musang Land and District Office here Tuesday morning with supporters of both parties carrying flags and banners.

Barisan Nasional (BN) candidate Abdul Aziz Yusof was the earliest to arrive at 9.05am, accompanied by Umno secretary-general Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor, MCA vice-president Dr Ng Yen Yen and Wanita Umno chief Shahrizat Abdul Jalil.

Also accompanying him were Umno vice-president Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, Umno Supreme Council member who is Information Communication and Culture Minister Dr Rais Yatim, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Jamil Khir Baharom, Kelantan Umno liaison chief Mustapa Mohamed and Gua Musang MP Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah.

PAS candidate Dr Zulkefli Mohamad arrived at 9.30am accompanied, among others, by PAS president Abdul Hadi Awang, his deputy Nasharuddin Mat Isa, vice-president Mahfuz Omar, Selangor Menteri Besar Abdul Khalid Ibrahim and Parti Keadilan Rakyat vice-president Azmin Ali.

Supporters gathered along the road into the nomination centre as early as 7.30am, carrying party flags and banners, to support their respective candidates.

Both BN and PAS supporters are separated by a 100-metre buffer zone outside the nomination centre.

The by-election is called following the death of incumbent Chek Hashim Sulaima, 46, of PAS, on Sept 27.

There are 11,553 voters in Galas comprising 7,125 Malay voters, 2,317 Chinese, 185 Indians, 10 Siamese and 1,889 Orang Asli. - Bernama

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