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PM: JAMILAH CHOSEN BASED ON MERIT

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She is committed to continuing Adenan's work, says Najib

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PUAN Sri Jamilah Anu's selection as the Barisan Nasional candidate for the Tanjong Datu by-election was based on merit and response from the grassroots.

BN chairman Datuk Seri Najib Razak dismissed the notion that Jamilah's candidacy was because she is the widow of the late Tan Sri Adenan Satem.

"Jamilah was appointed as BN candidate based on her criteria and qualifications," Najib said here yesterday.

Present were state BN chairman Datuk Amar Abang Johari Abang Openg, who is also Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu (PBB) president, and Sarawak United People's Party president Datuk Dr Sim Kui Hian.

Najib also listed three criteria that led to the appointment of Jamilah as BN candidate for the Feb 18 by-election.

"Checks on the ground showed Jamilah is well accepted by the people due to her personality.

"Secondly, she has the potential to be a good elected state representative, who can fulfil the aspirations of the people here.

"Jamilah is also committed to continuing the good work of her hus-

band, who had planned almost 850 projects for Tanjong Datu folk."

Earlier, in his speech during the opening of the Lundu food court here, the prime minister said Jamilah received the highest ratings and admiration from people in the constituency.

"She is close to the heart of the people in the constituency.

"This fact should be translated into confidence among Tanjong Datu folk for Jamilah to continue the good work of her late husband," he said.

The Tanjong Datu state seat by-election will see a three-cornered fight among BN, State Reform Party chairman Johnny Aput and Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak Baru's Rapelson Richard Hamit.

Early polling has been fixed for tomorrow.