

Pakatan chooses Manogaran

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Pahang DAP leader to contest in Cameron Highlands by-election

KUALA LUMPUR: DAP's M. Manogaran hopes to see a clean and fair fight in a rematch for the Cameron Highlands by-election.

"I want this (election) to be a trendsetter.

"From now onwards, the universal suffrage, democratic exercise will be done without fear and favour, and importantly, without money politics," Bernama quoted him as saying.

The Pahang DAP deputy chairman was met after his candidacy was announced by Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday.

The Prime Minister expressed confidence in Manogaran gaining the seat for Pakatan Harapan.

"We will win. We don't know who will be contesting but we can overcome it," he said after chairing the Pakatan presidential council meeting.

Manogaran was the Pakatan candidate during the May 9 polls but lost narrowly in the five-cornered fight.

On June 4, he filed an election petition, challenging the results for the parliamentary seat, which was won by MIC's Datuk C. Sivarraajh.

On Nov 30, the Election Court declared Barisan Nasional's win



Set to fight: Dr Mahathir and PKR president Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim introducing Manogaran during a press conference after chairing the Pakatan presidential council meeting in Kuala Lumpur.

null and void after finding corrupt practices were committed to induce voters to vote.

The Election Commission fixed nomination on Jan 12 and polling on Jan 26.

Separately, sources within Barisan said the potential candidate to be fielded is Datuk T. Murugiah of MIC.

They said although there were four MIC candidates on the list, Murugiah was selected at the MIC central working committee meeting yesterday in Cameron Highlands.

Murugiah is an MIC vice-president and was a former deputy minister.

Formerly, he was with the

People's Progressive Party before joining MIC in 2009. He is also a local at the constituency.

Several top MIC leaders, when contacted, said the party would announce its candidate after a Barisan meeting on Monday.

Sivarraajh, the incumbent, has been disqualified from contesting.