

MUHYIDDIN WINS BERSATU PRESIDENCY UNCONTESTED

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He unofficially retains post as he is sole candidate in next month's party elections

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PRIME Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin has unofficially retained his Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia presidency after becoming the sole candidate for the post in next month's party elections.

Datuk Seri Ahmad Faizal Azumu, who is Perak menteri besar, also unofficially won the party deputy president's post uncontested as the sole candidate.

The Bersatu Party Elections Committee (JPP) website showed that the top two posts only have one candidate each.

Bersatu election committee chairman Tan Sri Syed Hamid Syed Jaafar Albar said an announcement on the matter would be made only after party divisional elections ended next month.

"Officially, there are no other candidates for the president and deputy president's posts as nominations are closed. However, an announcement will only be made once divisional elections are over."

The selection committee yesterday held the drawing of lots for candidates' numbers for eligible candidates contesting posts under the Supreme Council, Armada (youth wing) and Srikandi (women's wing).

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cessed by candidates and party members via Bersatu's JPP website at pribumibersatu.org.my/sys/index.php/calon_mpt.

There are 17 candidates vying for the vice-president posts, including Dr Mohd Radzi Md Jidin, who is senior education minister; Datuk Seri Dr Ronald Khande, who is agriculture and food industry minister; and, Datuk Seri Mohd Redzuan Md Yusof, who is minister in the prime minister's department (special functions).

Wan Ahmad Fayhsal Wan Ahmad Kamal, who is deputy youth and sports minister, and Armada exco member Muzzamil Ismail are contesting the Armada chief post.

The Srikandi top post has four candidates — incumbent Datuk Seri Rina Mohd Harun, who is women, family and community development minister, Kepala Batas division head Azlina Mehtab Mohd Ishak, Datin Iza Ismail and Zuhuraina Makmur.

A total of 163 candidates are

vying for Supreme Council posts.

All party divisional meetings would be held simultaneously on Aug 22 and will include elections for the party's top posts.

Armada divisional meetings have been scheduled for Aug 15, while Srikandi's will be on Aug 16. Both wings will elect their central leaders in the meetings.

The JPP website showed that there were no candidates for the party chairman post.

On March 16, Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad was confirmed to have won the party chairman post uncontested after the former prime minister was not challenged for the position when the nomination process for candidates for Supreme Council posts ended.

However, the membership of Dr Mahathir and four other members — Bersatu deputy president Datuk Seri Mukhriz Mahathir, Supreme Council member Dr Maszlee Malik, Armada chief Syed Saddiq Syed Abdul Rahman and Datuk

Amiruddin Hamzah — was terminated when they sat in the opposition block at a Parliament sitting on May 18.

During nominations for Supreme Council posts, it was announced that Mukhriz would challenge Muhyiddin for the president's post, while the deputy president's post was set to be a three-way fight between Ahmad Faizal, former party secretary-general Datuk Marzuki Yahya and Selangor Armada deputy chief and Ampang Armada chief Anas Akashah Nazri.

Syed Hamid yesterday said the party had taken note of candidates' intention to print their names in the way that they are known on the candidate list that will be distributed to all divisions.

He said this would include their honorific and academic titles.

"Candidates who wish to make changes to their name on the list may inform JPP in writing by emailing jpp.bersatu@gmail.com before July 25." **Bernama**