

15 New Political Parties Register For 2014 General Election
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JAKARTA, Aug 23 (Bernama) -- A total of 15 new political parties have registered with the Justice and Human Rights Ministry to contest in the 2014 Indonesian general election before registration closed at midnight yesterday.

A ministry official Achmad Gelora said the National Republic Party (Nasrep) founded by Hutomo "Tommy" Mandala Putra Soeharto, the youngest son of the late President Soeharto, was among those registered.

The Insulinde National Prosperity Party (PKBN) founded by Yenny Wahid, the daughter of the late President Abdurrahman "Gus Dur" Wahid is also in the list, english daily The Jakarta Globe reported on Tuesday.

Other notable new parties are the National Democratic Party linked to Golkar executive Surya Paloh and the United National Party (PPN) founded by the heads of 12 political parties which failed to win seats in the house of representatives in the 2009 election.

The existing 74 registered political parties, are not required to register for the general election but will also be subjected to verification, a process which will begin this week until Sept 22.

The names of all political parties approved for contest in the 2014 general election is expected to be announced in October.

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