

Poll For Singapore Presidential Race Closes
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SINGAPORE, Aug 27 (Bernama) -- Polling stations across Singapore for the presidential race closed at 8pm Saturday night.

Earlier in the day, the candidates had turned up at the polling stations both as observers and voters.

Outgoing president S R Nathan, who will complete his term on Aug 31, was seen at Haig Girls' School this morning to cast his vote for his successor.

Speaking to reporters after performing his duty to vote, Nathan said:"It was not a 'tough choice' deciding on who I preferred."

Counting of votes will begin soon to determine who will be elected among the four Tans.

The presidential hopefuls are former deputy prime minister Dr Tony Tan Keng Yam, former member of parliament Dr Tan Cheng Bok, former chief of NTUC Income (a cooperative insurance society), Tan Kin Lian, and former senior civil servant Tan Jee Say.

There are about 2.27 million eligible voters in the city-state.

This presidential election has been dubbed "historic" as it is the first time since 1993, when Ong Teng Cheong won in a straight fight, that the county is seeing a multi-candidate presidential race.

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