

BN To Present List Of Candidates To State BN Chairmen Monday
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 14 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak is expected to hand out the letter of credential of candidates to respective state Barisan Nasional (BN) chairmen tomorrow. BN Publicity and Information Bureau chairman Datuk Ahmad Maslan said the state BN chairmen in turn would announce the list of candidates for the 13th general election tomorrow or on Tuesday. "Anyway, it's up to them when they want to make the announcement," he said when contacted by Bernama Sunday. The event will be held at the BN Headquarters at Menara Dato Onn, the Putra World Trade Centre here. In KOTA BAHARU, Kelantan BN chairman Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed said the state BN would announce the candidates after getting the green light from Najib once the names were finalised tomorrow.

The state BN has proposed old and new faces comprising religious, youth and women leaders after discussions with all quarters, including Umno division heads, he told a news conference at the Kelantan BN media centre.

Calling on those who were not nominated not to sulk and betray the party, he said: "Even if you are crestfallen, you need to come back to the fold to lend a hand in our quest to recapture Kelantan from PAS for the sake of the people's future," he said.

Meanwhile, Johor and Kedah BN are expected to announce the list of candidates on Tuesday morning, said BN spokesmen from both states.

In SHAH ALAM, Selangor BN deputy chairman Datuk Seri Noh Omar said the state BN would field new faces consisting of professionals, teachers and representatives of non-governmental organisations, especially in constituencies where the BN lost in the last general election.

The Selangor BN has asked Najib as the state BN chairman to hand out the letter of credentials to the candidates concerned, he told reporters after attending an entrepreneur event organised by National Entrepreneur Group Economic Fund (Tekun).

The BN will contest in all 222 parliamentary and 505 state seats. The Election Commission has fixed April 20 for nomination and May 5 for polling for the 13th general election.

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