

Ibrahim Ali To Defend Pasir Mas Seat As Independent
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KOTA BAHARU, April 16 (Bernama) -- Datuk Ibrahim Ali Tuesday said he would definitely defend his Pasir Mas parliamentary seat as an independent even if he had to use the "katak puru" (toad) as his symbol in the upcoming 13th general election (GE13).

The Pertubuhan Pribumi Perkasa Malaysia (Perkasa) president said this after his name was not included in the list of Kelantan Barisan Nasional (BN) candidates for the elections which was announced by state BN chairman Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed. The seat will be contested by Che Johan Che Pa from Umno.

Ibrahim had previously been rumoured to be among the independents who would be given the chance to contest on a BN ticket.

He said in defending the Pasir Mas seat, the symbol he would use would depend on the approval of the Election Commission.

In the 2008 general election, Ibrahim as an independent contested on a PAS ticket where he defeated the BN candidate, Ahmad Rosdi Mahmad, with a 8,991-vote majority.

Asked on Perkasa vice-president and former independent Kulim-Bandar Baharu MP Datuk Zulkifli Noordin contesting the Shah Alam parliamentary seat as a 'BN friend' in the GE13, Ibrahim thanked Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak for giving Zulkifli the opportunity.

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