

**Interesting Contests In Lembah Pantai, Putrajaya And Labuan
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 20 (Bernama) -- The Lembah Pantai, Putrajaya and Labuan parliamentary constituencies are among 13 seats in the Federal Territory set for interesting battles in the 13th general election (GE13) on May 5.

In Lembah Pantai, incumbent Nurul Izzah Anwar of Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR), daughter of opposition leader Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, would be squaring off against Federal Territory and Urban Wellbeing Minister Datuk Raja Nong Chik Raja Zainal Abidin of Barisan Nasional (BN) and independent candidate Rusli Baba.

Meanwhile, two-term incumbent of Putrajaya Member of Parliament (MP) Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor (BN) would face off against PAS vice-president Datuk Husam Musa.

Two candidates from the opposition pact, namely, PKR candidate Tan Sri Ibrahim Menudin and Hadnan Mohamad (PAS) would collide in the Labuan Parliament seat and also set to fight a new face from BN, Rosman Isli.

The nomination process for the Bukit Bintang Parliamentary seat was lightened up by the antics of M. Manirasu whose aspiration to contest as an independent did not materialise as he failed to bring along a proposer, seconder and deposit.

The parliamentary seat which was regarded as a DAP stronghold would see a straight fight between incumbent Fong Kui Lun and Frankie Gan Joon Zin (BN).

BN's new candidate for the Setiawangsa Parliamentary seat Datuk Ahmad Fauzi Zahari hoped the straight contest against the PKR candidate Ibrahim Yaacob would take place in a healthy and harmonious situation.

"Any problems arising should be settled by the two candidates. After the campaign, we leave it to the people to decide. And God willing, Ibrahim has agreed," he said.

In Wangsa Maju, PKR candidate Datuk Dr Tan Kee Kwong, who would be facing Datuk Dr Mohd Shafei Abdullah (BN), praised the 1Malaysia spirit of goodwill in the area as a result of the effort of the government all these while.

The nomination process brought nostalgia to BN candidate Datuk Johari Abdul Ghani who would be contesting against Ahmad Zamri Asa'ad Khuzaimi (PAS) in the Titiwangsa Parliamentary constituency. The venue for the nomination was his old school, Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Aminuddin Baki.

The Batu Parliamentary constituency would see a stiff five-corner contest between the incumbent Chua Tian Chang (PKR), Dr Dominic Lau Hoe Chai (BN), Brig Jen (R) Datuk Hashim Abdul Karim (Parti Barisan Jemaah Islamiah Se-Malaysia) and two independents Nazariah Abbas and Atan Jasin.

Kepong would see a three-corner tussle between BN candidate and Federal Territory People's Progressive Party (PPP) chairman Datuk A.Chandrakumanan, Dr Tan Seng Giaw (DAP) and Yee Poh Ping (Bebas).

Tan Kok Eng (BN), who would be contesting against incumbent Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim (PKR) and two independent candidates Mokhtar Salahudin and Mohamad Sukeri Abdul Samat in the Bandar Tun Razak parliamentary constituency, believed his early exposure with his father, Datuk Tan Chai Ho as former wakil rakyat there, could serve as an advantage in reclaiming the seat from the opposition.

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