

**Najib Hands In GE13 Nomination Papers To Defend Pekan Parliamentary Seat
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PEKAN, April 20 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak submitted nomination papers today to defend the Pekan parliamentary seat he has held since 1976.

The prime minister handed in the papers at 9.08 am. He was accompanied to the nomination centre at the Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah Convention Hall here by thousands of Barisan Nasional (BN) supporters.

Najib, who is BN chairman, walked in a procession to the centre from the Pekan Umno building, arriving there at 9.06 am with the BN candidates for the state seats of Pulau Manis, Peramu Jaya, Bebar and Chini within the Pekan parliamentary constituency.

The prime minister, who was attired in a blue Baju Melayu, handed over his nomination papers to returning officer Datuk Mohd Fadzli Mohd Kenali.

Subsequently, Khairudin Mahmud submitted his nomination papers to contest the Pulau Manis state seat, followed by Datuk Sh Mohmed Puzi Sh Ali (Peramu Jaya), Mohd Fakhruddin Mohd Aris (Bebar) and Datuk Abu Bakar Harun (Chini).

In the 2008 general election, Najib beat Khairul Anuar Ahmad Zainudin of Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) by a majority of 26,464 votes. He garnered 36,262 votes to Khairul Anuar's 9,798.

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