

**PKR Candidate Almost Blow His Chance Of Contesting In Paya Rumput
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MELAKA, April 20 (Bernama) -- Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) candidate Taha Ahmad has almost blown his chance of contesting for the Paya Rumput state seat when he failed to produce the document of authority from his party when submitting his nomination papers today.

The 62-year-old government retiree who arrived at the nomination centre in Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Kampung Gelam at 9.30am could not proceed with submitting his papers after he failed to produce the document as requested.

However, Tangga Baru election returning officer Datuk Roslan Ibrahim said they accepted Taha's nomination papers after referring the matter to the Election Commission (EC) and its legal division.

"The incident involved technical issues and it was solved through negotiation," said Roslan who made the announcement of candidates for the Tangga Batu parliamentary and state seats.

Due to the incident, the announcement was delayed for almost an hour before the names of the candidates were finally revealed.

Meanwhile, Taha, who will face Barisan Nasional (BN) candidate Sazali Md Din @ Mohamad Din, expressed relief that his nomination papers were accepted and thus, admitted that the incident clearly proved that the EC was transparent and unbiased in handling the situation, especially as it involved the opposition.

"I think that was just a technical glitch and the document of authority was not a vital requirement for a candidate to contest in the polls. Alhamdulillah (All praise be to Allah), I managed to submit all the papers in time," he said.

At the same time, BN candidate for Sungai Udang state seat, Idris Haron, also commended the EC for proving that it was a 'clean' agency in managing the situation.

However, he hoped that the EC would record the actual time the nomination papers were submitted by the PKR candidate to 11.03am, instead of 9.30am as announced earlier.

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