

**Contractor Is PAS Candidate For Kuala Besut
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KUALA BESUT, July 10 (Bernama) -- PAS has named Endot@Azlan Yusof, a class A contractor, as the party's candidate for the by-election for the Kuala Besut state seat.

Party president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang, in making the announcement at a function here late last night, said Azlan, 48, was chosen as he fulfilled the criteria, including being a party loyalist.

He said that Azlan, who is the Besut PAS treasurer and better known as Che Long, was most popular with the local residents.

Azlan is expected to face a tough fight against the Barisan Nasional (BN) candidate, Tengku Zaihan Che Ku Abd Rahman, 37, who is a principal assistant director of the Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID).

Also present at the function were PAS election director Datuk Husam Musa; Kuala Besut by-election director Satiful Bahri Mamat; vice-president Mohammad Sabu; Terengganu PAS commissioner, Mohd Abdul Wahid Endut; PAS secretary-general Datuk Mustapa Ali.

Azlan, a local resident of Kampung Baru, here who joined PAS in 1997, told reporters that he would carry out changes in the constituency if he was given the opportunity.

The by-election for the Kuala Besut state seat is being held following the death of the incumbent assemblyman, Dr A Rahman Mokhtar from BN on June 26 due to lung infection.

In the 13th general election on May 5, Dr Rahman defeated the PAS candidate, Napisah Ismail with a 2,434-vote majority.

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