

**DPM To Announce Kuala Besut BN Candidate On July 9**  
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KUALA TERENGGANU, July 6 (Bernama) -- The Deputy Prime Minister in his capacity as the Kuala Besut by-election director will announce the Barisan Nasional (BN) candidate for the state assembly seat on July 9.

"The state BN has short listed the eligible names and the DPM will announce the candidate on July 9," Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Ahmad Said told reporters after visiting the three abused children reported in the media recently.

He said Kuala Besut was BN's stronghold and the 2,434 majority win at the May 5 polls was a comfortable buffer to defend the seat.

Commenting on the possibility of a hung state assembly if BN were to lose the seat, Ahmad said, "That will not happen and even then it would only last until the swearing in on June 16."

The Kuala Besut state seat became vacant following the death of its incumbent assemblyman Dr A.Rahman Mokhtar on June 26 due to lung cancer.

The Election Commission fixed polling for July 24 with nomination on July 12.

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