

**Kedah Umno Provides 5,000 Forms To 15 Divisions**  
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ALOR SETAR, Sept 14 (Bernama) -- Kedah Umno has provided 5,000 registration forms to its members for the divisional elections, which should be submitted on Sept 21, state Umno liaison secretary Datuk Othman Aziz said today.

"We feel there's no competition for the Jerlun Umno Chief post as the incumbent Datuk Abu Hasan Sharif has given way to Menteri Besar Datuk Mukhriz Mahathir, who is also Air Hitam assemblyman.

"There's speculation that the other divisions will experience stiff competition for the Chief and Deputy Chief posts," he told Bernama when contacted here today.

As for state candidates who will defend their posts at the upcoming Supreme Council elections, Othman said, they would include Deputy Minister of Energy, Green Technology and Water, Datuk Seri Mahdzir Khalid and Tabung Haji chairman, Datuk Abdul Azeez Abdul Rahim.

He said Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Jamil Khir Baharom has offered to compete while Kulim-Bandar Baharu member of parliament Datuk Abdul Aziz Sheikh Fadzir has not announced his decision yet.

"We're still waiting for the decision of the state liaison chairman Datuk Mukhriz," he said.

Othman said the state's female representative was Datuk Suraya Yaacob, chairman of the Women Development, Social Welfare, Agriculture and Agro-Based, Entrepreneur Development Committee, who would contest for Wanita Umno vice-chief.

"Wanita Exco Datuk Marlia Abdul Latif will defend her position and Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Dr Mashitah Ibrahim will contest for the executive council," he said.

He said Puteri Kedah will be represented by the chairman of the Science, Innovation, Information Technology, Communication and High Tech Committee, Noorsabrina Mohd Noor for the chief and vice-chief posts, and Norasimah Md Nowar for the executive council.

Pokok Sena Umno Youth committee member Kamarul Salleh and Baling Umno Youth treasurer Mohd Noor Mohd Amin have offered to contest for the Youth exco posts.

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