

**Candidates Qualified To Contest In Umno Elections To Be Announced Tuesday
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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 19 (Bernama) -- The list of candidates qualified to contest in the Umno elections in October, will be revealed on Tuesday after nominations close at 5pm this Saturday.

Umno executive secretary Datuk Abdul Rauf Yusoh said the three-day cooling period was to enable the Selection Committee carry out stringent screening to ensure that the candidates were really qualified to contest in the party elections.

Speaking to Bernama after a nomination simulation exercise at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) here Thursday, he said the cooling period was also to allow those who had submitted their nomination papers to pull out of the race.

"We don't have an objection period like in the general election, but some nomination papers may be rejected if they contain incorrect information.

"Those who wish to withdraw can inform the committee of their decision or if made through the media, it will also be accepted as withdrawal from contesting, provided the announcement is made by the candidates themselves and within the cooling period.

"After the cooling period ends, the list of candidates will be finalised before the announcement is made."

He said the Umno headquarters would print ballot papers of high quality and having 18 security features including the serial number.

"The ballot papers will be distributed to all the party divisions one week if the logistics are good, or the latest, one day before the elections.

"The party's election committee will scrutinise each ballot paper distributed to the divisions to ensure transparency and authenticity," he added.

The Wanita, Youth and Puteri Umno Malaysia elections for their respective executive committees will be simultaneously held on Oct 12.

The divisional delegates meetings-cum-elections and the election for Supreme Council seats will be on Oct 19.

The General Assembly will be held at the PWTC from Dec 2 to 7.

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