

Uncontested Victory For Najib, Muhyiddin Shows Aspiration Of UMNO Delegates At All Levels
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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 21 (Bernama) -- The uncontested victory given to Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin in the race for UMNO president's and deputy president's posts Saturday showed the unanimous aspiration and desire of delegates at all levels to strengthen the party, according to a political analyst.

Assoc Prof Datuk Dr Samsul Adabi Mamat said the results proved that Najib-Muhyiddin leadership was still needed by the grass roots.

"The results did not come out as a surprise, but there may be an unexpected turn of events at the last minute.

"This is indeed the aspiration and desire of UMNO delegates, old or new, to see that no contest is being held for the post of president and deputy president in a bid to strengthen the party," he told Bernama in Kuala Lumpur.

Samsul said the many predictions that there would be no challenger for the top party posts had also turned out right.

Apart from Najib and Muhyiddin, UMNO Permanent Chairman Tan Sri Badruddin Amiruldin, Wanita Permanent Chairperson Tan Sri Napsiah Omar and Puteri Permanent Chairperson Azlieza Azizan had also won uncontested.

Samsul said the UMNO election this year was also seen to be comprehensive when the post of vice-president saw quite a tough fight between the three incumbents and three other challengers, while the contest for Youth chief post saw a five-corner fight, Wanita chief post (three-corner fight) and Puteri chief post (straight fight).

"So, it can be described as a comprehensive competition even though there is no contest for the two top party posts," he said.

Najib has held the UMNO president's seat since 2009 after he won uncontested, while Muhyiddin took the deputy president seat after defeating former Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Muhammad Muhd Taib in 2009.

What's unique was when the two leaders were seen to have acted as the proposer for each other's nomination when submitting their nomination forms at the Putra World Trade Centre on Saturday.

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