

## **Sabah Umno Candidates Raring To Go At Party Polls**

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KOTA KINABALU, Sept 23 (Bernama) -- Kalabakan Wanita Umno division chief Datuk Hamisah Samat is confident of defending the post she held since 1993 in the contest against her deputy, Cahaya Sulaiman.

Hamisah, who is also Assistant State Resource Development and Information Technology Advancement Minister, said this was the second time she was being challenged for the post.

Hamisa said in a statement here Monday that her team-up with Kalakaban Wanita vice-chief, Saleha Tahir who would going for the deputy Wanita chief would auger well for the women development agenda in Kalabakan.

Meanwhile, former Sebatik state assemblyman Datuk Dr Patawari Patawe who is challenging Kalabakan MP, Datuk Seri Abdul Ghapur Salleh for the Kalabakan Umno division chief post said he hoped to bring political transformation to the division.

"This Umno division needs a change in line with the transformation effort carried out by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak," said Patawari who had held the deputy division head's post in 2005-2008.

Also joining the fray for the Kalabakan division chief's post was woman candidate Mir Duraman.

In another statement, the husband of Deputy Works Minister, Fadli Juanas, 34, who is contesting for the Kota Belud vice-youth chief said he was campaigning for the party's struggles by drawing the younger generation back to Umno.

Fadli will be competing against new faces, Mohd Nazaruddin Raskhin and Mohd Shafeh Sital after the incumbent vice-chief, Arsyad Bastari had to relinquish the post due to the age limit.

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