

Umno Polls: Ali Rustam Says Chances Bright
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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 2 (Bernama) -- Former Melaka chief minister Datuk Seri Mohd Ali Rustam said his chances of winning one of the three seats for vice president at Umno's polls this month are very bright.

He said he was confident of winning although there was talk going around that there was a conspiracy to retain the incumbents.

"All the candidates have good track records, so do I. Now Umno is undergoing a transformation process and practising wider democracy by allowing more delegates to choose the leaders.

"I see myself as having an equal chance of winning," he told reporters after receiving his Masters degree in Literature at Universiti Malaya's convocation here Wednesday.

He said this when asked to comment on rumours that efforts were being made to ensure that incumbent vice presidents, Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, Datuk Seri Mohd Shafie Apdal and Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein, retained their posts.

Besides Mohd Ali, the other challengers are Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Mukhriz Tun Dr Mahathir and Felda chairman Tan Sri Mohd Isa Samad.

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