

**Candidates Vying For Posts In Labuan Umno Division Pledge Transformation In Party
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LABUAN, Oct 9 (Bernama) -- Two candidates vying for the Labuan Umno division vice-chairman post and a candidate for a committee member post pledged to fight for the aspirations of the grassroots if picked this Saturday.

The candidate for a committee member post, New Sabah Times journalist Jainuddin Jimin said he would use his experience as a media practitioner well-versed with people's issues to bring transformation to the party.

"We want to see Labuan Umno continue to be respected as a pillar of strength of the Malays and not as a stepping stone to popularity and self-interest," said the Persatuan Penggerak Media president.

Khalid Abd Ghani, who is going for the vice-chairman post, said his aim of contesting was to help strengthen the struggle of the Malays in various aspects including education and economy.

"I want to see Labuan Umno remain relevant and to attract more Malay youths to together strive for the community in Labuan," he said.

Another candidate for the post, Labuan Class F Contractors Association president Ahmad Bahar hopes to bring economic changes to the Malay community here.

Apart from Khalid and Ahmad, the vice-chairman post is also being contested by four others, Ali Mohd Bledram, Bongsu Mohammad, Mazlan Mohd Din and Dr Harun Pudin.

For the post of the division's Youth chief post, the incumbent Mohd Raffi Ali Hassan is being challenged by Jainuddin Ghani. There will be no contests for the Wanita and Puteri head posts, held by Datuk Aini Safar and Rahimah Lamat respectively.

Meanwhile, in TAWAU, Kalabakan Umno division Wanita chief Datuk Hamisa Samat urged certain parties not to interfere in the business of picking the Wanita leadership in the division.

Hamisa, who is also Sabah Resource Development and Information Technology Assistant Minister, said the Wanita delegates should be given full freedom to choose their leaders.

Prior to this, Hamiza was reported to have claimed that some Wanita delegates in the Kalabakan division were threatened in the run-up to the party elections this Saturday.

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