

Henrynus Amin Leaving It To PBS Delegates To Decide His Fate
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KOTA KINABALU, Oct 9 (Bernama) -- Parti Bersatu Sabah (PBS) secretary-general Datuk Henrynus Amin said he decided to accept nominations to contest for the PBS deputy president post after taking into consideration all factors, including grassroots support.

"My decision was based on the firm support and encouragement of many PBS divisional chiefs and delegates to whom I am very thankful, and I leave it to the delegates to decide my fate in line with the principle of democracy," he said in a statement, here, Wednesday.

Henrynus was commenting on the showdown between him and incumbent Parti Bersatu Sabah (PBS) deputy president Datuk Seri Maximus Ongkili for the deputy president post in the party election on Oct 23.

Yesterday, PBS election committee chairman Datuk Johnny Mositun was quoted as saying the battle created a history of sorts for the Sabah-based party as the post of deputy president under the non-Muslim Bumiputera (blue) quota would be contested for the first time after more than 18 years.

Ongkili, who is Energy, Green Technology and Water Minister, received 32 nominations while Henrynus secured nominations from 20 divisions.

Highlighting the need to revitalise the party leadership after the 13th General Election, Henrynus said this contest would be a tame family affair as "we are all members of the same team".

"As Tan Sri Musa Hitam rightly pointed out, 'challenging incumbents is not a competition but a process to give chance for leaders to serve'.

"In the same manner, if elected as PBS deputy president, I will serve to assist the PBS president to strengthen the party at every level and once again regain the respect and support of the people of Sabah," he said.

Henrynus said PBS aspired to be a worthy and respected partner within Barisan Nasional (BN) and to recapture all constituencies lost to the opposition.

"Deputy Chief Minister and PBS president Tan Sri Joseph Pairin Kitingan will continue to lead PBS for as long as necessary. Under his able leadership and tutelage, together we hope to rebuild the PBS team to prepare for the next general election," he said.

Pairin, a founding leader and pillar of PBS, had been officially returned as president unopposed after receiving nominations from all the 57 PBS divisions, including Labuan.

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