

## **Mohamad, KJ and Shaziman to defend Rantau, Rembau and Tampin seats**

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SEREMBAN, April 23 (Bernama) -- Negeri Sembilan Barisan Nasional (BN) chairman Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan will defend his Rantau state seat, which he has held since 2004, in the 14th General Election (GE14).

When announcing the Negeri Sembilan BN's list of candidates for the GE14 at his official residence here today, Mohamad also announced that BN Youth chairman Khairy Jamaluddin and State UMNO Liaison Committee deputy chairman Datuk Seri Shaziman Abu Mansor would also defend their respective Rembau dan Tampin parliamentary seats.

Khairy has held the Rembau for two terms since 2008, while Shaziman has held Tampin seat for four terms since 1999.

Malaysian Ambassador to Cambodia Datuk Seri Hasan Malek was also listed to defend his Kuala Pilah parliamentary seat, which he has held since 2004.

Also in the list was 41-year-old motivational speaker, Syamsul Amri Ismail, or popularly known as Syamsul Debat, named as BN's candidate to contest Sikamat state seat.

Acting chairman of Land Public Transport Commission, who is UMNO chief for Port Dickson (formerly Telok Kemang) Tan Sri Mohd Isa Abdul Samad, however, was dropped from the candidates' list.

His Jempol parliamentary seat will be contested by Jempol UMNO division chief Datuk Mohd Salim Sharif @ Mohd Sharif.

Fourteen other incumbents were also listed to contest in the GE14, namely Mohd Razi Mohd Ali (Sungai Lui), Datuk Shamsulkahar Mohd Deli (Serting), Datuk L. Manickam (Jeram Padang), Datuk Abu Ubaidah Redza (Ampangan), Datuk Abdul Samad Ibrahim (Seri Menanti), Datuk Norhayati Omar (Pilah), Datuk Hasim Rusdi (Labu), Mohd Ghazali Abd Wahid (Paroi), Datuk Zaifulbahri Idris (Chembong), Datuk Seri Dr Awaludin Said (Kota), Datuk Tun Hairudin Abu Bakar (Bagan Pinang), Datuk Abdul Rahman Mohd Redza (Linggi), Datuk Abdul Razak Ab Said (Gemas) and Datuk Mohd Isam Mohd Isa (Gemencheh).

The Negeri Sembilan BN's list of candidates also has 17 new faces, including Syamsul Debat and Mohd Salim, as well as MCA Legal Bureau chairman Ng Kian Nam who would contest Rasah parliamentary seat, and MCA Youth chief Datuk Chong Sin Woon, who will contest Seremban parliamentary seat.

Meanwhile, Mohamad, who is also Menteri Besar and Negeri Sembilan UMNO Liaison Committee chairman, in his speech advised all candidates to work harder and in unison to ensure victory for BN in the GE14.

"The list comprises old and new faces. Those who are new have to go to the ground more frequently to introduce themselves and meet as many voters as possible, but the old faces must not be too relaxed. We have to renew the mandate given to us," he said.

For those who were dropped from the list, Mohamad said they should give their support to the selected candidates in return to the support given by the grass roots for them during the previous election.

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