

PD Move A Premier Chance For Anwar

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KUALA LUMPUR (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's comeback to Parliament has been made easier with Barisan Nasional's announcement that it is boycotting the Port Dickson by-election on Oct 13.

The PKR president-elect is the Pakatan Harapan (PH) candidate and although Parti Rakyat Malaysia (PRM) and a non-governmental organisation have expressed their intention to contest the Parliamentary seat, the ruling coalition's victory is almost assured.

To tell the truth, many people had been eager to see PKR and BN locking horns in the battle to win the Port Dickson seat.

Yesterday, BN chairman Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said the decision to stay out of the Port Dickson by-election was reached after a discussion among UMNO, MCA and MIC.

Anyway, the final line-up of candidates for the by-election will be known on nomination day on Saturday.

The by-election was called after the resignation of the Member of Parliament for Port Dickson Datuk Danyal Balagopal Abdullah, 68, to pave the way for Anwar to contest the seat and return to the Dewan Rakyat.

In the 14th general election on May 9, Danyal Balagopal won the seat with a majority of 17,710, defeating Barisan Nasional's Datuk V.S. Mogan and Mahfuz Roslan from PAS.

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