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**THE  
PLOT  
THAT FAILED**

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*Cover photo:  
Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud  
being chaired by supporters at  
Central Padang.*

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## PREFACE

The State Legislature Assembly also known as Council Negeri or Dewan Undangan Negeri was dissolved on 13 March 1987 by the Sarawak Yang di-Pertua Negeri (Governor) Datuk Patinggi Haji Ahmad Zaidi Adruce bin Mohamed Noor following an attempt to topple the Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud by Kumpulan Bersatu later known as Kumpulan Maju.

A snap election was held on 15th and 16th of April 1987. The B N State Government under the leadership of Datuk Abdul Taib was challenged by Maju Group, a combined force of Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak (PBDS) a Dayak based Party and Parti Permas, a newly registered political party headed by Tun Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Rahman Yakub the former Chief Minister and Sarawak Head of State until April 1985. Also contesting in the State election were 16 Independents.

The Barisan National won a simple majority of 28 out of 48 seats. Maju Group took 20 with PBDS 15 seats and Parti Maju 5 seats.

The main issues of the snap election were timber concession, Dayakism, the politics of development and the feud between uncle and nephew.

The first time Sarawak experienced a political squabble between uncle and nephew was 1946 between Charles Vyner Brooke, the 3rd Rajah of Sarawak and his nephew Anthony Brooke.

There were many happenings during the heated snap election. Words that must be said were said; words that ought not to have been said were also uttered, making this snap election the most exciting and memorable one in Sarawak's political history.

The snap election also saw for the first time in history the upsurge of Dayakism in Sarawak. This was fully exploited by PBDS.

The main feature of this book contains selected presscuttings chronologically arranged following the events of development. A brief Introduction glances through briefly the known causes and events leading to the plot that failed.

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KUCHING

7 June 1987

## INTRODUCTION

Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud won the Sebandi by-election in 1981 unopposed, a seat vacated by Sharifah Mordiah Tuanku Haji Fauzi to pave the way for Datuk Abdul Taib's return to active politics in Sarawak.

Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib served in various Ministries in the Federal Government from 1967 as Assistant Minister, Deputy Minister and Full Minister. The last portfolio he held in 1980 was as Minister for the Federal Territory.

Datuk Haji Abdul Rahman Yakub, the uncle of Datuk Abdul Taib became the Third Chief Minister of Sarawak on 7th July 1970 after Datuk Stephen Kalon Ningkan and Datuk Tawi Sli, both Dayak Ibans.

Datuk Abdul Rahman's involvement in politics began soon after he returned from his law studies in the United Kingdom in the late 50s. He gained his political prominence when he was appointed Chairman of the Sarawak Alliance Election Committee in 1964. Though he was defeated in the Kuching Municipal Council Election in 1963, he was selected as the State nominated member in the Parliament by Datuk Stephen Kalon Ningkan, the First Chief Minister of Sarawak. Datuk Abdul Rahman was appointed as Assistant Minister of Rural Development in the Federal Government. Two years later he was made a Full Minister holding the portfolio of Lands and Mines and in 1969 he became the Minister of Education in Tun Razak's National Operation Council after the May 13 incident.



Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib won the Sebandi by-election unopposed.



Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Haji Abdul Rahman  
Yakub pinning the brooch on Datuk Patinggi Haji  
Abdul Taib, signifying the transfer of leadership.

Datuk Abdul Rahman returned to Sarawak soon after this to become Chief Minister. He remained as Chief Minister until 1981 when declining health had forced him to step down in favour of his nephew Datuk Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud. Six days after Datuk Abdul Taib became Chief Minister, Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Rahman Yakub was appointed Sarawak's Fourth Yang di-Pertua Negeri (Governor).

The transfer of power from uncle to nephew transpired smoothly. Not long after that, however, the partnership saw a crack. Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Rahman who later became Tun Abdul Rahman felt strongly that after almost 11 years as Chief Minister, he knew far better about Sarawak affairs than his nephew Datuk Abdul Taib. Tun Abdul Rahman also felt it fit that Datuk Patinggi Abdul Taib should consult him and receive advice from him on matters he considered he knew better. Tun Abdul Rahman admitted that he frequently gave advice based on his own experience and knowledge. But to Datuk Patinggi Abdul Taib Mahmud, this so called advice was tantamount to interference of his day to day administration of the State Government of which he was the Chief Minister.

The squabble between Tun Abdul Rahman and Datuk Patinggi Abdul Taib though not reported in local press in the initial stage, was an open secret to many Sarawakians. However, it was not long after when this uncle and nephew squabble slowly widened to involve other individuals and making the whole issue more complicated.

The first indication Sarawak was heading for a political turmoil among its top leaders came to light in 1983 when the State celebrated its 20th Anniversary of Sarawak Independence within Malaysia. At an official function held in Bintulu during the official opening of Bintulu Port, the Chief Minister and his colleagues staged a walk out when Tun Abdul Rahman in an unscheduled speech attacked the Federal Government for not keeping its promises in the construction of the Bintulu Airport which provision was originally included in the 4th Malaysia Plan. The attack came after the announcement made by the Federal Minister Tan Sri Chong Hon Nyan at the function that the Bintulu Airport would be further delayed due to lack of fund. The Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib however felt that the strong criticism made by Tun Abdul Rahman was inappropriate. Under the State Constitution, the Head of State was a ceremonial figure and it was not expected of him to involve himself in any political affairs let alone make a tirade against the Federal administration. Following this incident both the Head of State and the Chief Minister tendered their resignations. However, this first open dispute between uncle and nephew was amicably settled. The incident later known as the Bintulu Affair was to be the beginning of further open quarrel between the two men.

Ironically, on 11th September 1983, the Yang di-Pertua Negeri Tun Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Rahman Yakub in his speech at the "Malam Negarawan" organised as part of the 20th Anniversary Celebration of Merdeka, expressed full confidence in the leadership of Datuk



July 27 ... Datuk Leo Moggie quits SNAP to head PBDS. Here he announces the new party protem committee.

Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud. He was affirmative that Sarawak would see greater degree of changes, development and progress under the able leadership of the Chief Minister and his Cabinet colleagues. He called on all the rakyat to give their continued support and co-operation to Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib and his colleagues to enable them to carry out their task of nation-building more effectively.

The year 1983 saw the SNAP internal crisis, with its leaders fighting for party control. This posed a considerable stir among the component B.N. parties. The post left vacant by SNAP President Datuk Amar Dunstant Endawie and the SNAP Triennial General Assembly triggered off internal crisis and direct confrontation between Datuk James Wong's group and that led by Datuk Leo Moggie and Datuk Daniel Tajem. Datuk Wong's group wanted the multi-racial concept of SNAP to continue to be practised while Datuk Moggie's group strongly felt that the party must be led by a Dayak leader. The election result saw Datuk Wong's group capturing the party presidency and other key posts.

Datuk Daniel Tajem was expelled from SNAP on July 17, 1983. This led the party towards a deeper split. SNAP Secretary-General Mr. Joseph Balan Seling said in a press statement that the expulsion decision was made against Datuk Tajem for he had conducted himself in a manner "most detrimental to the party and Barisan Nasional Solidarity", having actually campaigned against the Barisan Nasional candidates in the 1982 Parliamentary election.

September 15, 1983 marked a historic day for the Dayaks as Parti Bansa Dayaks Sarawak (PBDS) was officially launched by Datuk Leo Moggie who stressed that the formation of PBDS was a reflection of the aspiration of the Dayak community in Sarawak to be self-reliant in determining the future of their community within the context of the New Economic Policy and the plural nature of the Malaysian society.

The new party would in a way provide an organised machinery to unite Dayaks in the struggle for equal sharing of political power and economic benefits in Sarawak.

"Economically we are lagging behind the other communities. Poor road communications and the absence of suitable land schemes were the other reasons responsible for the backwardness of the Dayak community". The party leaders from PBDS began to express prominently their grievances and their aspirations.

In the SNAP-PBDS split, the Chief Minister saw it necessary to take PBDS as a partner in a new "Barisan Nasional Plus". It was to prevent the situation from deteriorating. He also said that "The retaining of the members is my prerogative and is based on what I think is best for the State. My main concern is to ensure continued racial harmony and I cannot risk denying the involvement in the day-to-day decision making of Government by well educated leaders who have grouped together for a common cause". The Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud retained Datuk Daniel Tajem in his Cabinet under the BN Plus arrangement.

1983 also saw the exciting and hard-fought Sarawak's Fourth State General Election which returned the Barisan Nasional to power once again reaffirming the peoples' trust and confidence in the power sharing Government under the Chief Ministership of Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib. The Barisan Nasional took 44 out of 48 seats.

"It's politics of development now" emphasized the Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib. He made it known to the people especially those in the rural areas to adopt and practise the politics of development. He said this meant the rakyat should strive to be able to stand on their own feet in facing the economic challenges ahead of them. However, his concept of the politics of development was opposed by some bumiputra politicians. Mr. Wilfred Nissom, an Independent Assemblyman for Bengoh made headlines in the local press by openly criticising the State Barisan Nasional Government for its incapability to help the bumiputras particularly the Bidayuh community. He argued that under the former Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Rahman Yakub, Bidayuhs were given greater opportunity for development. The Chief Minister's concept of the politics of development and his style of Government were also under bitter criticism by some members from his own party PBB.

The political opposition mounted by some local press and actively promoted by some known opposition group prompted the Chief Minister who was the State Barisan Nasional Chairman to call for an emergency meeting in the State Capital.

The meeting was attended by all leaders of the State BN component parties. In a briefing the Chief Minister reported on the events leading to the present challenge to his leadership of the State Government. This had also prompted Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Musa Hitam to make a visit to Kuching. "To us the Government under the leadership of Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud is the Government chosen by the people through the democratic process" Datuk Musa said and he warned those threatening the system to think twice before they proceeded further with their efforts to undermine the credibility of the State Government.

Earlier, on 13 January 1985 the Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud was given a rousing welcome by BN Ministers and party members who thronged the old Airport in thousands, when he returned from an overseas trip, to pledge their support for the continued leadership of Datuk Abdul Taib. The opponents viewed this rally as unnecessary and alleged that it was stage managed. Such rally however was repeated at Sibu and Miri drawing even bigger crowd than the one held in Kuching.

The Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib repeated that he would not give any special consideration to just a few individuals or groups but would strive for "justice for all". He also hinted at who he thought was out to oust him and that a "puppet master" was using a group to topple him so that they could return to power and seize the Chief Minister's post again for

their own personal interests. He said what was happening in Sarawak today was a case of the "politics of development versus politics of power" and reiterated that he would never give way to "Power hungry" leaders out to fatten their own nests.

In the meantime, forty-two members of the State Assemblymen signed the document of pledges to declare their undivided support for and confidence in the leadership of Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud at the end of an "Informal Goodwill Meeting". Five State Assemblymen were absent from the gathering. They were Mr. Joseph Kudi, Haji Wan Habib Syed Mahmud, Datuk Wan Yusof Tuanku Haji Bujang, Datuk Haji Salleh Jafaruddin and Mr. Wilfred Nissom, the Independent Assemblyman for Bengoh.

In January 1985, Tun Abdul Rahman, the Yang di-Pertua Negeri issued a statement through his lawyer stating that "His Excellency further wishes it to be known that he has no desire to return to the scene of party politics. "It is and has always been the intention of His Excellency, upon completion of his duties, to return to private life and devote himself to the affairs of his family for which he has had little time over the last twenty years of public office."

The statement was issued to deny local press reports that a scheme had been launched to bring about his return to office as Chief Minister. The statement concluded by stating that the Head of State had taken the advice of his Counsel on the reports that had appeared in the press and was advised that a number of those were defamatory. "His Excellency reserves the right to take such action as may be appropriate to protect his name and establish the untruth of the statement made" the statement concluded. The following day, the Chief Minister issued a statement to the press on the same matter. He hoped that the statement from the Head of State would mark "the end for the unfortunate association of His Excellency's name with the various matter in connection with which it has been mentioned recently".

Datuk Ahmad Zaidi Adruce bin Mohamed Noor was appointed the new Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak to succeed Tun Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Rahman Yakub when the latter's term ended 1st April 1985.

Expressing his unhappiness and grievances Tun Abdul Rahman poured his feeling freely at a dinner he hosted for community leaders and senior civil servants at the Dewan Santapan, Petra Jaya, Kuching. As a parting advice to leaders he said "It seems to be the trend in the modern world that those who have been trained in archery by their elders make those very elders their convenient target", "Leaders must learn to listen to the voice of the people, rather than to their own voices", "To change the metaphor again, it seems to be the fashion in politics to bite the hand that has been feeding you".

The outgoing Head of State in his speech also warned the leaders against trying to discredit or belittle the efforts of their predecessors. On his part he said, he would never claim that his term of office as Chief Minister represented the best era of Sarawak. "I could never have



□ The 26 State Assemblymen who are opposing Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Taib Mahmud. Two more are in Kuching

achieved what actually had been achieved in the State without some ground work being prepared by my predecessors".

In June 1986, the relationship between the former Head of State Tun Abdul Rahman and the Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud was further deteriorated when Tun Abdul Rahman appeared in Dalat in the company of Datuk Haji Salleh Jafaruddin in the nomination day of the Oya by-election. Oya soon became a fierce battle field for the Independent (USNA) candidate Datuk Haji Salleh Jafaruddin and his supporters and the Barisan Nasional candidate Wan Madzih Wan Madhzar. The Oya by-election also posed a great challenge to Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud and BN State Government where his personal leadership, integrity and his philosophy of "politics of development" were being put to the test.

The Chief Minister was reported to have said after the victory of the Barisan candidate with a 1755 majority that the victory of Wan Madzih Wan Madhzar was another proof that the people would opt for the politics of unity rather than settle for the politics of division.

The State Barisan Nasional won another victory in the 1986 Parliamentary election. It captured 21 out of 24 seats allocated to Sarawak. The SUPP lost in three of seven constituencies it fielded candidates in. The United Sarawak Native's Association (USNA) which was yet to be registered lost all the 16 seats it contested.

The announcement of the resignation by four Cabinet Ministers and three Assistant Ministers from the Sarawak State Cabinet was a political shock at home and abroad. Together with other State Assemblymen and supporters, they gathered and planned their next move at Ming Court, a hotel in the Nation's Capital, Kuala Lumpur.

The group of Sarawak politicians initially known as Kumpulan Bersatu claimed to have the support of 32 out of 48 members in the State Legislative Assembly but later this member was reduced to 28. This was further reduced to 27 when Wan Abdul Wahab bin Wan Sanusi, a staunch supporter of Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib, the Chief Minister denied his involvement.

The rebel group appointed Datuk Haji Noor Tahir, the former State Minister of Environment and Tourism as pro-tem Chief Minister. In the meantime, both leaders of Kumpulan Bersatu and the Chief Minister Datuk Abdul Taib consulted with the Prime Minister Datuk Dr. Mahathir Mohamad separately.

The Sarawak State Legislative Assembly had been dissolved on 13 March 1987 by the State Yang di-Pertua Negeri to pave the way for a State election. The dates set for the polling were 15th and 16th, April 1987, and the date for the nomination was April 6th.

The new number of State seats had been approved by the Dewan Rakyat at its last sitting giving the Dewan 56 seats, an increase of 8 seats from the old one. But the newly approved elec-



Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud was sworn in at 2.30 am, 17th April to form the next State Government for another term of five years.

toral boundaries could not be used for the coming State election because the Sarawak State Assembly was dissolved before the constituted amendment was passed by Parliament and gazetted.

The Chief Minister Datuk Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud told the people of Sarawak why he opted for a snap election. He said he had decided to go to the poll to seek a fresh mandate from the people following a bid by a group of State Assemblymen to topple him as Chief Minister. The Chief Minister emphasized that he was calling for the snap election not out of fear, but to allow the people to decide whom they wanted to lead them as the "real power to determine who is eligible to govern rests with the rakyat".

The Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad asked Sarawakians to support the Barisan Nasional to ensure continued stability and development in the State and he added it was unwise to change of Government in mid-stream as this would create uncertainty. The Prime Minister and other BN leaders were in Sarawak to rally support for the State Government. Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir was accompanied by MCA President Datuk Dr. Ling Liong Sik, Gerakan President Dr. Lim Keng Yik and MIC President Datuk S Samy Vellu.

Polling was held throughout the State on 15th and 16th of April as scheduled without incidents. The rakyat of Sarawak returned the State Government under the leadership of Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud for another term of five years. Barisan Nasional won 28 seats out of 48. The opposition, Kumpulan Maju took 20 seats with PBDS 15 seats and Parti Permas 5.

The Chief Minister was sworn in at 2.30 am, 17th April to form the next State Government for another term of five years. He took his oath of office before the Yang di-Pertua Negeri Datuk Patinggi Haji Ahmad Zaidi Aduce Mohamed Noor at Rumah Sarawak.

At a press conference after swearing ceremony, Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud urged all parties in Sarawak to stop running down the Government and instead help it to administer and develop the State. He pledged to continue to lead the people of Sarawak towards greater unity and more meaningful development. "As Chief Minister I will ensure that the interests of all communities are safeguarded" he said.



# 4 Ministers, 3 Asst Ministers resign QUIT SHOCK

**KUCHING** - Four Cabinet Ministers and three Assistant Ministers have resigned from the Sarawak State Cabinet, it was learnt last night.

They are Deputy Minister Datuk Daniel Tajem who also holds the Agriculture and Community Development portfolio, of PBDS, Minister for Land Development Datuk Edward Jeli of SNAP, Minister for Environment and

Tourism Datuk Noor Tahir and Minister for Social Development Datuk Hafsa Harun, both of PBB.

The Assistant Ministers are Encik Gramong Juna (Land Resources) of PBDS, Encik Michael Ben (Culture & Sport) of SNAP and Encik Hollis Tini (Welfare) of SUPP.

This development in the state politics is not entirely unexpected, according to observers here be-

cause for some time already there have been signs of patience running out with the Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Abdul Taib Mahmud's style of leadership in government and in coordinating the Barisan Nasional component parties.

The Chief Minister is known to have been having an increasingly open differences with the PBDS, a component party in the State Barisan Nasional.

SNAP, another component party of the BN, is also not happy with the Chief

Minister. The Chief Minister is not immediately available for comment.



Datuk Daniel Tajem



Datuk Edward Jeli



Gramong Juna



Michael Ben



Hollis Tini



Datuk Noor Tahir



Datuk Hafsa Harun

## Rebel group of Assemblymen appoints pro-tem Chief Minister

# Defections hit Sarawak govt

By ISMAIL KASSIM  
in Kuala Lumpur

KUALA LUMPUR — THE National Front administration in Sarawak under Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Taib Mahmud was last night in disarray because of defections in the State Assembly, but the ruling coalition is not in danger of losing control of the East Malaysian state.

The rebel group claimed last night to have the support of 32 of the 48 members in the state legislature, including four ministers and three deputy ministers who resigned their posts in the state government.

At a meeting attended by 28 state Assemblymen and their supporters at the Ming Court Hotel here, they appointed Datuk Haji Noor Tahir, who held the environment and tourism portfolio until his resignation, as pro-tem Chief Minister.

The standing of this self-styled government was not immediately clear.

The other ministers said to have quit were Datuk Daniel Tajem (Deputy Chief Minister and Minister of Agriculture and Community Development), Datuk Edward Jell (Land Development), and Datuk Hajjah Hafshah Harun (Social Development).

The three deputy ministers were Mr Gramong Juna, Mr Michael Ben and Mr Hollis Tini.

### Crisis consultations

After flying in for crisis consultations with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in the evening, Datuk Taib said he would recommend the dissolution of the State Assembly if it was true that he had lost majority support.



**TUN RAHMAN**  
... has long-running feud with nephew Datuk Taib.



**DATUK TAIB**  
... rebels dissatisfied with his style of government.

### Taken by surprise

The only opposition is the peninsula-based Democratic Action Party which won two seats at federal level but none at state level in the last election.

The rebellion against Datuk Taib, who is president of the PBB, took the federal government by surprise. All the dissidents came from the four component parties which administered the state.

One of the spokesmen for the group, Datuk Daniel of the PBDS, said they were seeking a meeting with Dr Mahathir.

Aside from briefing him on the reasons for their action, he said they also hoped to persuade him to use his influence to get Datuk Taib to step down.

This in fact was the rebels' demand as stated in a telex earlier in the day to the Chief Minis-

confidence in the state legislature.

The rebels would also be sending a delegation back home to the state capital of Kuching today to seek an audience with the Yang di-Pertua Negeri (Governor), Datuk Ahmad Zaidi Adruce Mohamed Noor, to brief him on the situation.

Tun Rahman Yaakub, former Sarawak Chief Minister and also one-time Yang di-Pertua Negeri, who was present at the meeting, later told journalists that he hoped there would be no fresh state election.

Tun Rahman, who has a long-running feud with Datuk Taib, his nephew, added that it was not necessary to dissolve the State Assembly as the defectors had a majority to form the next government.

Also present at the caucus of the rebels, which was billed as a special meeting of National Front component parties in Sarawak, were federal Energy Minister Datuk Leo Moggie from the PBDS and federal Deputy Education Minister, Haji Bujang Ulis of the PBB.

Of the four components, only the leadership of the SUPP has come out clearly on the side of Datuk Taib. SUPP President and federal Environment Minister Datuk Amar Stephen Yong said that his party backed the incumbent Chief Minister 100 per cent.

"If any SUPP member is involved (of them who were present at the meeting), we will have no choice but to sack them," he added.

ter: Resign "honourably" or face a no confidence motion.

"If he refuses, we will have no choice but to convene a meeting of the State Assembly to pass a motion of no confidence in his leadership," Datuk Daniel repeated.

Asked what precisely were their grievances against the Chief Minister, he said that they "were too lengthy" to enumerate.

He said, however, that they were dissatisfied with Datuk Taib's style of government which was said to be short on consultation among the National Front component parties.

The move against Datuk Taib by his Front colleagues is not without precedent, however, in the state's turbulent political past.

Sarawak's first Chief Minister, Datuk Stephen Kalong Ningkan, was also drummed out of office through a motion of no

# Sarawak 'family affair' that turned sour

## Who the main characters are

**KUCHING** — Many people initially thought the dispute between Sarawak Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Taib Mahmud and former Yang di-Pertua Negeri Tun Abdul Rahman Yakub to be just a family affair.

The two are related while the other principal figures in the quarrel also has family ties. Datuk Patinggi Taib is Tun Rahman's nephew while the others, who are in one way or another party to the squabble, are cousins of the Chief Minister.

This led many in the state to believe that the crisis was basically confined to personal differences which could easily be settled outside the political arena.

It all started in 1983 when Datuk Patinggi Taib was openly criticised by Tun Rahman at a public function.

It happened at the opening of the Bintulu port when Tun Rahman, who was then the Yang di-Pertua Negeri (governor), expressed regret over the federal government's failure to provide funds for some projects in the state.

The attack was made in the presence of several *mentris besar* and chief ministers, and Datuk Patinggi Taib, who was the Chief Minister, walked out because he felt the speech to be insulting.

Datuk Patinggi Taib later apologised to Tun Rahman and everything seemed to be all right.

But according to political observers here, the incident soured their relationship, which then began to deteriorate.

"Although things appeared to be calm with Tun Rahman as the head of state and Datuk Patinggi Taib as the chief executive, the two really could not see eye to eye," said one observer.

He said Datuk Patinggi Taib was unhappy with Tun Rahman's alleged 'interference' in the day-to-day running of the state administration.

"It was not wrong for him to have the interests of the state at heart, but he had acted as if he was the chief minister," the observer said.

The dispute apparently worsened when Tun Rahman completed his term of office in April 1985.

An incident said to have upset Datuk Patinggi Taib deeply was when Tun Rahman turned up on nomination day for the Oya state by-election in June last year accompanying an opposition candidate, said one of the Chief Minister's aides.

This was because Datuk Patinggi Taib had earlier respected Tun Rahman's public announcement that he (Tun Rahman) had no desire to return to politics after his retirement as Yang di-Pertua Negeri.

"Datuk Taib had thought it would be nice if the Tun were to devote himself to family affairs but this was not to be," said the aide. — Bernama.

**KUCHING** — Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Hajj Abdul Taib Mahmud, 51, took over the presidency of Parti Pesaka Bumiputra Bersatu from Tun Abdul Rahman Yakub in 1981.

He had held various ministerial posts before becoming the Chief Minister of Sarawak in 1981.

● **Tun Abdul Rahman Yakub**, 59, had held various ministerial posts in his political career, which began in the Sixties. He was Chief Minister of Sarawak for about a decade before resigning in 1981 for health reasons.

A lawyer by training, he was the Yang di-Pertua Negeri from 1981 to 1985.

● **Deputy Chief Minister and Minister of Agriculture and Community Development Datuk Daniel Tajem Anak Miri**, one of the Sarawak leaders reported to have resigned from the state Cabinet, came into the political limelight after winning the Lingga seat in the 1974 state election.

He successfully defended the seat for two more terms, in the 1979 and 1983 state elections. He was elected PBDS deputy president when the party was formed in 1983.

Datuk Tajem, a law graduate from the University of Victoria in New Zealand, was first elected Deputy Chief Minister when Tun Abdul Rahman Yakub was Chief Minister.

● **Minister of Tourism and Environment Datuk Hajj Noor Tahir** is one of the better-known politicians in Sarawak. He is also an enthusiast of the arts, music and sports.

He started his political career as a political secretary to Tun Rahman in 1963 when the latter was Federal Deputy Minister of Lands and Mines. He continued to serve as the political secretary to Tun

Rahman when he returned to Sarawak as Chief Minister in 1970.

In the 1979 state elections, he won the Lawas seat on a Parti Pesaka Bumiputra Bersatu Sarawak (PBB) ticket and was later appointed a full state minister.

● **Minister of Land Development Datuk Edward Jell Anak Belayang**, the Snap deputy president, has been a member of the State Assembly since 1970 and is one of the longest serving Assemblymen.

He won the Marudi seat in the 1970 and was re-elected in the same constituency in the 1974, 1978 and 1983 elections.

● **Minister of Social Development Datuk Hajah Hafshah Harun**, the sole woman member in the state Cabinet, won the Semariang state by-election in 1976. She took over as the Wanita PBB head when Datuk Ajibah Abol died in 1976 and has been leading the movement since.

● **Assistant Minister of Resource Planning Gramang Jaua** was elected Machan state assemblyman in 1978 and appointed Snap executive secretary the following year. He later became a member of Snap's Central Executive Committee but left the party to join PBDS in 1929 and became its vice-president.

● **Assistant Welfare Minister Hollis Sri** was first elected *Tni Aman Aman* Assemblyman in 1974 and is the most senior bumiputra member in the Sarawak United People's Party (SUPP).

● **Assistant Minister of Culture and Sports Michael Ben Anak Panggi** is a vice-president of Snap, the party he joined in 1966. He has been holding the *Tebakang seat* for the past three terms. — Bernama.

# Invisible rich hands calling shots, says Taib

KUCHING, Tues. — AN INVISIBLE hand is calling the shots, orchestrating an intriguing political plot to topple the present state government.

This was the feeling of Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud when he called for an urgent Press conference today.

Citing the hush-hush talks which were held last night in hotel (reliably learnt as the Ming Court Hotel) in Kuala Lumpur, the Chief Minister said that the mysterious fashion of the underground style plot did tickle him but the outcome was not surprising.

He said that he had learnt of several Assemblymen taking off to Kuala Lumpur (these include the seven who had been reported to have resigned) adequately furnished with all-paid expenses including air fare and accommodation.

It was so secretive that there were even guards and calls were screened, he said.

To a question whether the former Yang Di-Pertua Negeri could have been the one behind this move, the Chief Minister said "yes".

"What tickles my mind today is what prompted them, the group, to move in such a mysterious position," he said adding that he was not surprised over the whole matter.

He said he had yet to receive any letters or tele-

phone calls from these Ministers to confirm that they had resigned from his cabinet.

"The theme of my speech during the opening of the Shell Oil and Gas Exhibition (in the Sarawak Museum yesterday) confirm my suspicion," he said.

He said there was a certain group who had tried to topple the government but had been unsuccessful.

These people wanted to topple the government for their own private gains and not their whim and fancies, he said.

"In the election of a government, we cannot accept the whims and fancies of any elected representatives as it can only come from the wishes of the rakyat," he said.

The Chief Minister believes that the group was going all out in their 'politics of vengeance' to seek revenge.

He said he would not bow to such pressures, particularly to a group with such suspicious behaviour meeting behind locked doors away in a hotel in Kuala Lumpur.

He regarded the so-called 'resignation of the seven ministers and assistant ministers as 'rather strange' as they did not have the common courtesy to inform him in a proper manner but is a letter or a telephone call.

"If they want to quit, they can go. And nobody is going to stop them. But the least they could have done is to show courtesy," he said.

He said their behaviour had tarnished the standard of politics in Sarawak and was unbecoming of elected representatives to have behaved in such a manner if such a resignation was true, he said.

Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib, who appeared in a calm, pleasant and strengthened mood, said, "What they did was to show that they do not hold any responsibility as state ministers."

To a question, he said if he was not informed, then it could be assumed that the matter held some truth.

He regarded the move by the group was rather to benefit their own interests than to be concerned with the politics of the state.

## Taib meets Dr M

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. — DATUK Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud met Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad over the political situation in the state at Sri Perdana here tonight.

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Speaking to pressmen at Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib's house here, Sarawak United People's Party (Supp) Secretary-General Datuk Dr Wong Soon Kai, who was among those at the meeting, said the Prime Minister was briefed on the political developments in the state.

"Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir

just listened to us and advised us to solve the problem in a proper way in line with democracy," he said.

"I think the Prime Minister knew about the matter earlier and he had been briefed by someone about it," he said.

A group of Sarawak State Assemblymen, today sent a telex to Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib this morning, with copies to Sarawak Yang Di-Pertua Negeri Datuk Haji Ahmad Zaidi Adruce Mohamed Noor, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Deputy Prime Minister Ghafar Baba, who is also Barisan Nasional Secretary-General.

Asked whether the Prime Minister had mentioned the telex, Datuk Dr Wong said "Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir

had heard about the news."

He did not deny or confirm whether Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir had received the telex.

Datuk Dr Wong said that the Prime Minister wanted to listen to "both parties" to get a clear picture of the situation in Sarawak.

"However the Prime Minister did not indicate to us whether he had been approached by anyone from the group to meet him over the matter," he said.

Others present at the meeting were Datuk Abang Abu Bakar Mustapha and Datuk Alfred Jabu, both Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu (PBB) deputy presidents. Datuk Dr Wong and Sarawak National Party (Snap) President Datuk James Wong.

# Sarawak leaders refuse to comment

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. — Sarawak leaders contacted in the Federal capital today were tight-lipped over the political crisis facing the State.

Some of those reported to have resigned even refused to deny or confirm the reports. PBDS deputy president and Sarawak Deputy Chief Minister Daniel Tajem declined to confirm or deny reports that he had resigned from the Government.

## Federal level

"The question of resignation is a constitutional matter and should be kept a secret," he told reporters at Parliament House.

Asked whether it was a rumour, he said: "No comment...newspapers can speculate."

PBB vice-president and Land and Regional Development Minister Datuk Dr Sulaiman Daud said he was not aware of the matter.

"I cannot comment but I am sure they have their reasons for doing it," he said.

SUPP Lambir MP Peter Chin Fah Kui said the crisis in Sarawak revolved around personalities.

However, he said it was the policy of SUPP to stand behind the present leadership in Sarawak.

He refused to elaborate.

Another PBB vice-president, Deputy Education Minister Haji Bujang Ullis, refused to comment.

"I am serving at the Federal level. Therefore it will not be fair for me to make any comment on the matter."

Several Sarawak MPs who were in the Dewan Rakyat during question time could not be located later as they were believed to be attending meetings called by their parties over the State crisis.

# You'll be fired: SUPP warns its Assemblymen

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. — Sarawak United People's Party (SUPP) has warned its Assemblymen that they would be sacked from the party should they join the group out to topple Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Abdul Taib Mahmud.

Four SUPP Assemblymen, including Assistant Minister of Welfare and SUPP central working committee member, Hollis Tini, were reported to be among the 28 Assemblymen seeking to oust the Chief

Minister.

Party president Datuk Amar Stephen Yong also said anyone who resigned from his post in the Government would also be sacked as such a resignation was done without the party's consent.

"However, I have to check reports on the matter before making any decision."

Speaking to reporters in Parliament House, he said he had only read about this from the newspapers.

"If it is true, it is quite ser-

ious as it involves a lot of State Assemblymen," he added.

Datuk Amar Stephen Yong, who is also the Science, Technology and Environment Minister, said that SUPP was "100 per cent" behind Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Taib Mahmud.

The Sarawak National Party (SNAP) also supports Datuk Taib. Its president, Datuk James Wong, said the party is "completely behind the Chief Minister".

# 28 who gave the ultimatum

THE 28 Sarawak State Assemblymen who gave the ultimatum to the Chief Minister are:

- Eight from PBDS: Datuk Daniel Tajem (Lingga), Mr Gramong Juna (Machan), Dr James Masing (Balleh), Datuk Edmund Langgu anak Saga (Krian), Mr Joseph Kudi (Ngemah), Dr Jawie Masing (Pakan), Haji Bohassan Kamar (Tatau) and Mr Mikal anak Mandau (Batang Ai);
- Eight from PBB: Datuk

Noor Tahir (Lawas), Datuk Hafsa Harun (Petra Jaya), Datuk Tajang Lalng (Belaga), Haji Zainuddin Satem (Sari-bas), Encik Mohamed Hilary Tawan (Gedong), Wan Madzih Mahzhar (Oya), Datuk Wan Yusof Tun Tuanku Haji Bujang (Kalaka), and Wan Abdul Wahab Wan Sanusi (Semera);

- Five from SNAP: Datuk Edward Jeli (Marudi), Mr Michael Ben (Tebakang), Mr Nueng anak Kudi (Pelagus),

Mr Geman anak Itam (Meluan) and Mr Joseph Balan Seling (Telang Gusang);

- Four from SUPP: Mr Hollis Tini (Sri Aman), Mr David Tiong Chiong Chu (Igan), Mr Wilfred Kiroh anak Jeram (Dudong) and Mr Sim Choo Nam (Engkilili); and;

- Three Independents: Mr Wilfred Nissom (Bengoh), Wan Habib Syed Mahmud (Ballingian) and Haji Saadi Haji Olla (Kuala Rejang).

# Has group enough support to succeed?

**KUCHING, Wed:** Has the group of Sarawak assemblymen out to topple Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud mustered enough support to achieve its aim?

A closer look however seems to indicate the group does not have much hope of succeeding, based on several factors.

The crucial question is whether the group really comprises 32 state assemblymen as claimed by some of its prime movers.

Thirty-two is the magic figure for this group because the number represents a two-third majority in the 48-seat state assembly, enough to move a vote of no confidence against the Chief Minister.

But after the drama started to unfold, the group's claim of such support does not appear tenable.

First, it said it had 28 assemblymen on its list, and then added four more, who, according to it, have submitted letters of consent in support of the group's cause.

But as it turned out later, among the 28 listed is Haji Wan Abdul Wahab Wan Senusi, a staunch Datuk Taib supporter, who subsequently denied any involvement in the move.

A further probe seems to indicate "a few more" on the list went to the group's meeting in a Kuala Lumpur without really knowing what it is all about.

For instance, the Sarawak National Party (SNAP) has claimed that one of its five assemblymen, Encik Geman Anak Itam, was told he was supposed to meet Deputy Prime Minister Ghafar

Baba and later, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Mahathir Mohamad, on some urgent matters regarding Sarawak.

Haji Wan Abdul Wahab meanwhile asserted that inclusion of his name showed that the group lacked support and had to resort to "cheating."

He claimed that this was just one example of the group's "dubious methods" and that it was playing with figures to give a false impression.

The latest unconfirmed belief is that at least "five or six" more in the group of 28 have decided not to proceed with the bring-Taib-down move.

Officials of the First Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu (PBB) of which the Chief Minister is President are sure he will survive the crisis, saying they base their conviction on the people's "strong support" for him.

They said the Chief Minister might have appeared to have lost the support of some assemblyman but this factor was not really a cause for worry.

"What really matters in this whole episode is the people's support and in this connection, Datuk Patinggi Taib can be assured of solid backing from the rakyat," a top party official said.

This, he said, had been proven on several occasions in the past like in the gener-

al election last year when the state BN did very well and also in the Oya by-election last June when Datuk Patinggi Taib led the BN candidate to victory "against very heavy odds."

"That is why this group is afraid to go to the polls, because this would mean they will have to face the people who know they have not been fighting for the masses," the official contended.

He alleged that the group was fighting for personal interests, claiming that most of them could not continue to enjoy the "sweet life they have enjoyed before."

According to the official, this could be linked to Datuk Patinggi Taib's hard stand on timber concession holders who breached the conditions by, among other things, selling off their concessions to foreigners.

The accusation that Datuk Patinggi Taib does not consult his Cabinet, a favourite allegation by his detractors, is among the grievances stated by the group and the official said that before condemning the Chief Minister, the group should first realise that by going to Kuala Lumpur in such a hush-hush manner, it was itself guilty of the offence of non-consultation.

"They have not consulted the respective parties, nor did they consult the people who elected them," he said.

He said the move to bring down the Chief Minister was purely the individual decisions of the respective assemblyman and had bypassed the con-

cept of consultation.

The question of Datuk Patinggi Taib being "too pro-Chinese" was also a familiar refrain among his political enemies, especially within the PBB, he added.

On this matter, the Chief Minister's aides said he had to think of the welfare of the entire community in the state because "Sarawak is not for the Bumiputeras alone."

Another element said to have led observers here into concluding that the group will fail in its bid is that the group is not seen as a good alternative "government."

"It is the same faces who have been constantly involved in disputes with the Chief Minister during the last one year or so," one observer said.

He meant that the figures involved such as Haji Wan Habib Syed Mahmud, a former PBB Vice-President, have had clashes with the Chief Minister in the past, and he does not think Datuk Haji Noor Tahir, said to be a long-time close ally of former Yang DiPertua Negeri Tun Haji Abdul Rahman Yakub, would be able to offer a better alternative leadership to Sarawakians.

"Man for man, Datuk Patinggi Taib is far too superior," he added.

It looks like the group's chance of really testing its support is through a state election, the date of which will be announced if and when the Sarawak State Assembly is declared dissolved. -Bernama.

# Disappointing day for Datuk Haji Noor Tahir



Datuk Haji Noor Tahir speaking to newsmen at the Kuching airport yesterday morning. Behind him are Mr David Tiong and Datuk Edmund Languu.

KUCHING - It was a disappointing day for Minister of Tourism and Environment, Datuk Haji Noor Tahir, who tried to hand over a letter signed by 28 State Assemblymen expressing no confidence in Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud as the Chief Minister, to the Head of State yesterday.

Datuk Haji Noor arrived at the Kuching International Airport accompanied by Datuk Edmund Languu and Encik David Tiong and met by his supporters and aides at the main arrival hall at 10.25 a.m.

Reporters met earlier with the Assistant Minister for Community and Regional Development, Abang Johari Tun Abang Haji Openg at the VVIP arrival hall. The Assistant Minister however declined to comment on the present turn of events and only uttered the words: "I don't know!" before taking off in his official car.

Datuk Noor, however told reporters that the Federal Minister of Energy, Telecommunication and Posts, Datuk Leo Moggie who is aligned with the 'Bersatu' group, has met the Prime Minister earlier in the morning.

Datuk Noor then took off for his residence in Semariang where he conferred with legal advisors and aides.

They left for the Dewan Undangan Negeri Complex at 12.20 pm.

At the complex, Datuk Noor met Mr Lim Kian Hock, Secretary of the Council Negeri, who received the letter of no confidence on behalf of the Speaker, Datuk Celestine Ujang. (Datuk Ujang returned only later in the afternoon).

Datuk Noor then tried to make an appointment with the Head of State but was told that His Excellency was not available.

Nevertheless, Datuk Noor handed over copies of the letter to the offices of the Head of State and Chief Minister later.

Datuk Noor told the *Tribune* that he would abide by whatever decision made by Supreme Council members of PBB. He is himself a Supreme Council member and faces the possibility of expulsion together with PBB Wanita Chief, Datuk Hajjah Hafsa Harun, the Minister of Social Development.

Datuk Noor, 58, added that he has been active in politics since 1956 and can consider himself a nationalist at heart although he had "many a time asked the Chief Minister to relieve me from my post."

He was nominated by the group of 28 to be the new Chief Minister succeeding Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud on Tuesday.

## Briefly ...

### Resign, CM told again

Tun Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Rahman Yaakub said yesterday that Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud no longer enjoys the confidence of the people.

As such, the Chief Minister must step down honourably, he told reporters in Kuala Lumpur after a meeting with a group of State Assemblymen demanding the resignation of Datuk Patinggi Taib.

Tun Abdul Rahman, who is Datuk Patinggi Taib's uncle, said the time had come for the Chief Minister to step down without having to call for an election.

Tun Abdul Rahman described the situation in the State as tense and said that having an election would only encourage racial polarisation.

### Only five MPs attend sitting

Only five of the 21 Members of Parliament from Sarawak Barisan Nasional component parties attended yesterday sitting of the Dewan Rakyat.

They were Science, Technology and Environment Minister Datuk Amar Stephen Yong (SUPP-Padawan), Welfare Services Ministry Parliamentary Secretary Peter Chin Fah Kui (SUPP-Lambir), Deputy Education Minister Haji Bujang Ulis (PBB-Simunjan), Deputy Agriculture Minister Luhr Wan (SNAP-Baram) and Datuk Peter Tinggom Kamarau (SNAP-Saratok).

There are three other MPs from the state — one from the DAP and two independents.

### Hotel scene of busy activities

The Ming Court Hotel in Kuala Lumpur was a scene of busy activities yesterday with reporters rushing to corner people they thought were Sarawak leaders. Many of the State Assemblymen are not familiar to journalists there.

### Rally today

A mammoth rally is being planned at the Central Padang in Kuching as a show of support for Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud.

About 20,000 people, mainly members and supporters of the PBB, are expected at the gathering where Datuk Patinggi Taib is expected to explain the motives of the "Anti-Taib" group.

# Accept reality, group tells CM

## SUPP met to discuss resignations

**KUALA LUMPUR** - The group of 28 elected representatives of Bersatu yesterday welcomed Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir's advice to the Chief Minister, Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud, that the present crisis be handled within the bounds of the State constitution.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir was reported as having told the Chief Minister this on Tuesday when he met a delegation of Barisan Nasional leaders from the state at Seri Perdana.

The group also described as "unwise" the calling of a snap state election to solve the crisis.

A spokesman for the group, Dr James Masing of Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak (PBDS), said that "in the period of political turmoil, uncertainty and the emergence of polarisation in the state, there is no guarantee that issues detrimental to racial harmony and stability will not be brought forth during an election campaign."

Dr Masing said this in a statement issued at a hotel here which is the group's temporary base in the city.

The statement was issued after one of its delegations met Umno Youth head Anwar

Ibrahim.

Dr Masing said the group wanted to "get down to the business of the government without delay, for any further delay is bound to affect the welfare of the people."

He said that since 28 of the 48 state assemblymen had expressed their loss of confidence in Datuk Patinggi Taib, the Chief Minister was constitutionally bound to tender his resignation and allow the group to form a new government.

He reminded the Chief Minister of the meaning of Article 7-1 of the State constitution which states: If the Chief Minister ceases to command the confidence of a majority of the members of Dewan Undangan Negeri, then unless at his request the Yang di-Pertua Negeri dissolves the Dewan Undangan Negeri, the Chief Minister shall tender the resignation of the members of Majlis Mesyuarat Kerajaan Negeri."

Datuk Taib and company must accept this because this is what the State constitution provides. The Chief Minister should not cling to power when he knows for certain that he has ceased to command the majority support in the Council Negeri. If Datuk Taib truly cares for the people of Sarawak, then he must resign forthwith," he said.



DR JAMES MASING

"Bersatu does not wish to wash dirty linen in public nor involve in mud-slinging because this will only bring about bitter recriminations and will not help to solve the problem. We want to get down to the business of government without delay for any further delay is bound to affect the welfare of the people," he added.

He said Tun Rahman has denied an allegation that Tengku Razaleigh and himself are the prime movers in the move by Bersatu. "This allegation is part of Datuk Taib's effort to pit Bersatu against the Prime Minister," he added.

The Bersatu group and Tun Rahman fully support the leadership of the Prime Minister and the Deputy Prime Minister, he said.

**SUBANG (Berhama)** - The Sarawak United People's Party (SUPP) was scheduled to meet last night to discuss the reported resignations of four of its State Assemblymen.

SUPP Secretary-General Datuk Dr Wong Soon Kai said yesterday evening there was a possibility of the meeting deciding to institute disciplinary action against the four.

The four are said to be State Assistant Welfare Minister Hollis Timi, David Tiong Chiong Chu (Igan), Wilfred Kiroh anak Jeram (Dudong) and Sim Choo Nain (Engkilili).

Datuk Dr Wong was speaking to reporters at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport here before leaving for Kuching to attend the meeting.

Also on board his flight was Sarawak National Party President (SNAP) Datuk Amar James Wong. The SUPP, SNAP, PBB and PBDS make up the Sarawak Barisan Nasional coalition government.

Datuk Dr Wong said last night's meeting was also expected to discuss party preparations for a snap state election should the 48-member Sarawak State Assembly be dissolved.

These would include preparing the list of candidates to contest for seats.

Datuk Amar James Wong meanwhile said SNAP was scheduled to meet this Saturday to discuss further developments in Sarawak's political crisis.

The meeting would also probably discuss the action to be taken against its five State Assemblymen who had joined the group of Sarawak state assemblymen demanding the resignation of Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Haji Taib Mahmud who is also PBB President.

They included SNAP Deputy President Datuk Edward Jeli and Vice-President Michael Ben.

Two SNAP State Assemblymen not in the group are Datuk Am. Wong and SNAP Youth leader Dr Patau Rubis (Tasik Biru).

# PBB, SUPP, SNAP pledge support for Datuk Taib

KUCHING (Bernama) — Three component parties in the Sarawak Barisan Nasional (BN) yesterday reaffirmed their undivided support and loyalty to Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud who is also state BN chief.

The Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu (PBB), Sarawak National Party (SNAP) and Sarawak United People's Party (SUPP) also expressed their full support for Datuk Patinggi Taib's decision to call for a state general election, describing the decision as "honourable and proper."

Datuk Patinggi Taib made the decision following an attempt to topple him by a group of state assemblymen — including seven, from PBB of which he is President, four from SUPP and five from SNAP — which called itself "Bersatu."

The expression of support was among six resolutions adopted by the three parties in a liaison committee meeting at the PBB headquarters here and contained in a joint statement released to newsmen by SNAP President Datuk Amar James Wong.

The joint statement was signed by PBB Secretary-General Datuk Leonard Linggi Jugah, his SUPP counterpart Datuk Dr Wong Soon Kai and Datuk Amar Wong.

The three parties also condemned the group said to be headed by former Yang Dipertua Negeri and former Chief Minister Tun Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Rahman Yakub for attempting to "destabilise" the political situation in the state which they contended had enjoyed harmony, stability and success under Datuk Patinggi Taib's leadership.

Another resolution called for the expulsion of Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak, the fourth state BN partner, from the BN fold for associating with Tun Rahman's group. It also said the PBDS' recent acceptance of three independent elected representatives had moreover defied an agreement against such admission among the state BN partners.

The joint statement said the action of the PBDS, whose seven assemblymen as well as President Datuk Leo Moggie (Federal Minister of Energy, Telecommunications and Posts) have swung over to the group, was tantamount to opting out of the BN.

It further stated that the three component parties condemned all those elected representatives who had "lent themselves willingly" to the scheme of the group and described this as a betrayal of the people and party.

Meanwhile Datuk Amar Wong told reporters at the SNAP headquarters that the party had always made security, racial harmony and a stable government the basis of its political struggle.

"As such, the party welcomes dedicated and educated people to its ranks to serve the rakyat," Datuk Amar Wong, who was sworn-in as a state minister yesterday, said.

The party would hold its Central Executive Council (CEC) meeting on Saturday to discuss, among other things the action to be taken against its state assemblymen involved in the Anti-Taib group.

Five SNAP assemblymen including Deputy President Datuk Edward Jeli (Marudi) and vice-President Michael Ben (Tebakang) have joined the group. Datuk Jeli also quit as State Land Development Minister while Encik Ben resigned as Assistant Minister of Sports and Culture.

The three others are SNAP Secretary-General Datuk Balan Seling (Telang Usan), Encik Gimam Itam (Meluan) and Encik Nuing Kudi (Pelagus).

Datuk Amar Wong, who expects all the 20 CEC members to attend the meeting, stressed that the fate of the five would only be decided during the meeting.

Dr Patau Rubis (Tasik Biru Assemblyman and Mas Gading MP), the SNAP Youth leader and newly-appointed Assistant Minister of Regional and Community Development, and SNAP adviser Datuk Stephen Kalong Ningkan were present when Datuk Amar Wong talked to the press.

**KUALA LUMPUR, Wed.**  
— Sarawak's embattled Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Abdul Taib Mahmud has called for a snap election, thwarting a move by a rebel group of Assemblymen to oust him.

In declaring that "the people have the right to decide", Datuk Taib has denied the group, which has styled itself Bersatu (Group of Unity), the opportunity to form a Government.

He refused to be cowed by the threat to pass a vote of no confidence against him or accede to Bersatu's demand that he step down as Chief Minister.

"The people are the masters and the judges... I always believe that if we can solve a political crisis by going back to the people, then this country will be safe," he said at a Press conference in Kuching.

A large crowd, including at least 40 MPs and State Assemblymen, had turned up at the airport to welcome him. He said Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu (PBB), which he leads, the Sarawak National Party (SNAP) and Sarawak United Peoples Party (SUPP) had agreed to his decision to hold an election.

He regretted that the Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak (PBDS) was no longer with the State Barisan Nasional. PBDS president Datuk Leo Moggie last night chaired a meeting of the dissident Assemblymen, among whom were all the eight from his party.

Datuk Taib said Sarawak would go to the polls as the Yang di-Pertua Negeri had agreed to the dissolution of the State Assembly yesterday. The date of the dissolution would be announced on Friday.

Meanwhile, Bersatu efforts to topple Datuk Taib suffered a setback when his candidate for Chief Minister, former Environment and Tourism Minister Datuk Haji Mohamed Noor Tahir (who yesterday from the State Cabinet yesterday), failed to meet the the Yang di-Pertua Negeri.

Both sides lobbied Federal leaders for support. Datuk Taib met Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday while Bersatu's representatives today.

Dr Mahathir advised them "to solve their problem in a democratic manner and in accordance with the State Constitution."

Datuk Taib, who had informed Dr Mahathir of his intention to dissolve the State Assembly, interpreted it to mean the Prime Minister's approval for a snap election.

He said the Prime Minister has left the decision to him "as this is a State matter."

## CM thwarts move by rebels to oust him Taib calls for snap election

Reporters: SULOCHINI NAIR, SABRY SHARIF, JAMES RITCHIE, NOR HAWA YUNUS, NORA MARZUKI, K.P. WARAN, K.H. LIM, LEE AH CHAI, NOORZITA SAMAD and TAN CHIN SIANG

Earlier, Datuk Taib said an election "is the only way to solve the present crisis" in the State.

He said "intrigue and counter intrigue" would not achieve anything.

"I am not good at it and I would be ashamed to do it. We must go back to the people, let them be the judge," he said.

Datuk Taib said the election would be held 90 days from the day the Council Negri is dissolved. According to him it was yesterday. Datuk Taib saw the Yang di-Pertua Negeri before he left for Kuala Lumpur.

Sarawak was plunged into a crisis when a group of 28 State Assemblymen representing all the parties in the State Barisan Nasional yesterday delivered an ultimatum to the Chief Minister, calling for his resignation or face a vote of no confidence in the 48-member State Assembly.

Among them were four State Ministers and three Assistant Ministers.

Former Yang di-Pertua Negeri Tun Abdul Rahman Yakub was at the meeting of the group last night. It was chaired by Datuk Moggie.

The group later announced that they had picked Datuk Noor to succeed Datuk Taib as Chief Minister.

Bersatu also issued the names of the dissident Assemblymen made up of all the

PBDS Assemblymen, eight from PBB, five from SNAP, four from SUPP and three Independents.

There were some doubts today as to whether all the 28 Assemblymen who had signed the letter calling for Datuk Taib's resignation are still with the group.

Bersatu had teleaxed the ultimatum to the Chief Minister yesterday with copies to the Yang di-Pertua Negeri, the Prime Minister and his deputy. It also sent another telex to the head of State to ignore any request for the dissolution of the State Assembly.

Datuk Noor, unable to see the Yang di-Pertua Negeri, left a letter signed by 28 Assemblymen expressing no confidence in Datuk Taib.

Datuk Taib said he has no intention of bowing to pressure.

He described the expected State election as "just a housecleaning exercise."

At the Press conference in Kuching, Datuk Taib said: "Sarawak will suffer if we bow to the wishes of the group. This has become an issue and I will let the people of Sarawak decide."

"I know that the rakyat want us to hold onto our principles and not bow to anyone, no matter how rich the person or group," he added.

Datuk Taib also openly announced that Tun Rahman "engineered" the meeting of the "Group of 28" Assemblymen in Kuala Lumpur and the telex message "calling for me to resign".

On the position of PBDS, Datuk Taib said the State Barisan did not have to ask the party to leave "because it withdrew from the team".

On Bersatu's advice that he should not call for election because it would cause chaos, Datuk Taib said: "I don't think people are going to have chaos here. I know the people of Sarawak... unless someone investigates them... they are (Sarawakians) normally very peaceful people."

When asked if he could return to power after the election, he said: "It is up to the people. God willing, I shall return."

Among those present at Datuk Taib's Press conference were State Assembly Speaker Datuk Celestine Ujang, Dewan Rakyat Deputy Speaker Datuk Abang Ahmad Ural, PBB deputy presidents Datuk Abang Abu Bakar and Datuk Alfred Jabu, PBB vice-president Datuk Dr Sulaiman Daud, Deputy Chief Minister Tan Sri Sim Kheng Hong, SUPP president Datuk Amar Stephen Yong and SNAP president Datuk Amar James Wong.

However, none of the PBDS representatives was present.

# Taib seeks fresh mandate

# ASSEMBLY

# DISSOLVED

KUCHING (Bernama) — The Sarawak State Legislative Assembly has been dissolved to pave the way for a state election within 90 days.

The dissolution was announced by Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud at a rally at the Central Padang here.

The official notification of the dissolution signed by Sarawak Yang Dipertua Negeri Datuk Patinggi Haji Ahmad Zaidi Addrucce Mohamed Noor will be handed over to State Election Officer Abang Roseli Abang Haji Paleng today.

Abang Roseli told *Bernama* here that on receiving the notification, he would hand it to the Election Commission in Kuala Lumpur which would hold a special meeting to fix the nomination and polling dates.

The present term of the state government ends on April 1989. The last state election was held in December 1983.

Datuk Patinggi Taib said he decided to go to the polls to seek a fresh mandate from the people following a bid by a group of state assemblymen claimed to comprise 28 members to topple him as Chief Minister. The assembly has 48 seats.

He told the rally he was calling for the snap election as it was one of the means of proving to some quarters that "real power to determine who is eligible to govern rests with the rakyat."

"I do not want to have an exchange of words with the group (out to topple him) but I want them to realise from where their power comes," he said.

"With the dissolution, the assemblymen can no longer call themselves Yang Berhormat.

He said the assemblymen no longer had power and "what remains is the party which sheltered them and the people who elected them."

Datuk Patinggi Taib said the group was scared of facing the people in the election because "the people already know their true motive".

The group became anxious on hearing a state election would be held.

"They say the assembly should not be dissolved because they already have a majority but I know they are actually scared to go before the people," he said.



● Datuk Taib addressing the rally at Central Padang yesterday. (More pixs on Page 2).

Datuk Patinggi Taib said the state government under his leadership was prepared to go to the polls "based on its sincerity to serve all for balanced development."

Commenting on an allegation by former Yang Dipertua Negeri Tun Haji Abdul Rahman Yakub that the Chief Minister was weak, Datuk Patinggi Taib said: "Of course I am not strong but the people who chose me are strong."

In the election, the Sarawak Barisan Nasional is expected to be represented by three of the four component parties. They are Parti Pesaka Bumiputra Bersatu (PBB), Sarawak National Party (Snap) and the Sarawak United People's Party (Supp).

The fourth party, Parti Bansa Dayak (PBDS), is expected to be "dropped" from the BN as all its assemblymen were involved in the group out to topple Datuk Patinggi Taib.

Earlier today, Datuk Patinggi Taib, who is Sarawak BN Chairman, said PBDS "is automatically out of my team" in the election.

PBDS leaders could not be contacted for a response.

# Chief Minister warns against destroying state

KUCHING

SARAWAK Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud warned yesterday that Sarawak would be destroyed if the people allowed leaders who use their wealth to advance their own interests to gain power.

"The state will be destroyed if the people allow the rise of those who think wealth and money can buy power," he told a mass rally at the Central Padang.

Sarawak's stability and prosperity could only be preserved if it was ad-

ministered by leaders who had the interests of the people at heart and realised that they owed their position to the people.

Datuk Taib said the mandate to govern came from the people who would never accept a leadership that could be bribed by money.

"For the sake of our future, elect only leaders who are sincere and serve

the interests of the rakyat so as to have a good government," he said, "because the state can be destroyed if it is administered by people who promote only their own interests."

Earlier, federal Deputy Defence Minister Datuk Abang Abu Bakar Mustapha, who is also the Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu (PBB) Deputy President, called on the people to be united in facing the current political crisis.

This would ensure that the peace they had enjoyed would continue to prevail.

"We will continue to enjoy this situation if we do not change from our stand of supporting Datuk Patinggi Taib's leadership," he said. "But if we allow the dissident group to expand its influence, Sarawak will suffer from the repercussions of their disruptive activities."

Sarawak United People's Party Secretary-General and state Infrastructure Development Minister Datuk Lr Wong Soon Kai said Supp leaders had always supported Datuk Taib's leadership.

Datuk Wong said they backed Datuk Taib because he was a firm leader who was sensitive to the needs of the multi-racial population of the state.

He said Supp would not bow to the pressure that might be exerted by the dissident group, which he said was attempting to divide the people.

Deputy Chief Minister Datuk Alfred Jabu, who is also a PBB deputy president, said some people out to displace Datuk Taib had misrepresented to the people that the PBB was a party only for the Malays.

"This matter was raised at a PBBS (Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak) general meeting in Sibu recently," he said, "and the accusation is false as proven by my membership and membership of other *ibans* in the PBB."

"Our presence clearly shows PBB is for all communities and not just the Malays." — Bernama.

## Fight-back brings a change of mood

KUALA LUMPUR — The swing of mood — from elation to gloom — was obvious at the Ming Court Hotel where the rebel Bersatu group of Sarawak politicians was staying. The Malay Mail said yesterday.

That they faced the prospect going to the polls again definitely dampened their buoyant spirits.

Yet on Tuesday night, when they first declared their rebellion against Sarawak Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Abdul Taib Mahmud, the dissidents were confident it would bring a swift end to the Taib government, the tabloid said.

Datuk Patinggi Taib's uncle and arch-rival, the former Sarawak Chief Minister and Yang di-Pertua Negeri, Tun Abdul Rahman Yakub, had aligned himself with the rebel group.

He had expected Datuk Patinggi Taib to resign by Wednesday.

One of the Bersatu group leaders told The Malay Mail: "Tun Abdul Rahman was over-confident. He expected Taib to resign by Wednesday. Some of us told him Taib was a fighter but he said we were pessimistic."

In fact, many of the rebels shared Tun Abdul Rahman's assessment.

This was reflected in what some of the Assemblymen told reporters on Tuesday night: "What choice has Taib got? We have the majority and he has lost our confidence. He has to leave gracefully."

### Challenge dented

Instead, the embattled Chief Minister decided to fight back by calling a snap election.

That was when a more sombre mood descended on the rebel camp, the tabloid said. But Tun Abdul Rahman remained confident and said the Bersatu group was ready to take on the Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu (PBB) at the polls.

The rebel challenge was also dented when the group that met Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Wednesday to elicit his support came back empty-handed.

Dr Mahathir told them to solve the problem in a democratic manner according to the state Constitution.



ABANG JOHARI  
ABANG OPENG



ENCIK ADENAN SATEM



MR RAMSEY JITAM

## Abang Johari, a promising second-echelon State leader

KUCHING, Thurs. — Abang Johari Tun Abang Haji Openg, one of the three new State Ministers appointed today, has been described as "a promising second echelon leader" of Sarawak.

Abang Johari, the Agriculture and Community Development Minister, is experienced in handling problems peculiar to the rural environment.

An Assistant Regional and Social Development Minister before his appointment, he is said to be an up-and-coming leader groomed by Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud.

He first won the Satok State seat in a 1981 by-election and retained it during the 1983 State election.

A former deputy PBB Youth chief, he was recently elected vice-president of the party, which is headed by Datuk Taib.

He is the son of the State's first Yang di-Pertua Negeri, Tun Abang Haji Openg Abang Sapiee. He takes over from Datuk Daniel Tajem who resigned on Monday to join the dissident *Bersatu* Assemblymen.

The new State Land Development

Minister, Encik Adenan Satem, was a lawyer, teacher and journalist before becoming involved in politics full time.

He was Assistant Land Development Minister prior to today's appointment. He succeeds Datuk Edward Jeli.

Encik Adenan, the PBB publicity chief, made his political debut by winning in the Muara Tuang State seat in 1974.

He retained the seat in the 1979 and 1983 elections.

The new State Minister of Tourism and Environment, Datuk James Wong Kim Min, is a veteran politician having been involved in SNAP since pre-Malaysia days.

He has been the SNAP president since 1980. He takes over from Datuk Haji Noor Tahir.

Datuk Wong, the State Assemblyman for Limbang, was Deputy Chief Minister for three years from 1963.

He was once Miri-Subis Member of Parliament for a term when he won the seat in 1969 on a SNAP ticket.

SNAP was then in the Opposition and he was, for a term, the parliamentary opposition leader.

New Assistant Culture Minister, Mr Ramsey Jitam, was formerly the Deputy Police Commissioner of Sarawak.

He resigned from the police force to contest the Lundu State seat in 1983 and won. He is now a central committee member of the SUPP.

State Assistant Regional and Community Development Minister, Dr Patau Rubis, was formerly the deputy director of the State Health and Medical Services Department.

Head of the SNAP Youth wing, Dr Rubis is State Assemblyman for Tasiik Baru and Member of Parliament for Mas Gading.

Semeru State Assemblyman Wan Abdul Wahab Wan Senui is the new State Assistant Welfare Minister.

A PBB supreme council member, Wan Abdul Wahab was a religious teacher before joining politics.

The new Assistant Resource Planning Minister, Mr Ambrose Bilkau anak Enturan, is a former civil servant.

He is the State Assemblyman for Katibas and a PBB supreme council member.

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# Why Taib's going back to the people

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. — Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Abdul Taib Mahmud opted to dissolve the State Assembly, not out of fear, but to allow the people to decide whom they wanted, PBB vice-president Datuk Dr Sulaiman Daud said today.

"It was a constitutional choice. He could either convene a special session of the Assembly and face a no-confidence motion or dissolve the assembly.

"It is not because he feared that the dissidents commanded a majority in the State Assembly," Datuk Dr Sulaiman said.

He said under the Sarawak Constitution, Datuk Taib had the choice of giving in to the dissidents' demands or dissolving the State Assembly.

He added that Datuk Taib had opted for the dissolution as the dissidents were claiming that they had the backing of the people.

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"If this is true then the State Assembly is not the ground to prove their so-called overwhelming support from the people to oust Datuk Taib but through a State election where the votes would reflect their influence," he told newsmen at Parliament House here.

He believed Datuk Taib had made the right move by dissolving the State Assembly as the Chief Minister and the other members of his State Cabinet were

voted in by the electorate and not Bersatu.

"As such, Datuk Taib and his State Cabinet can go back to the people and find out whether their services are still needed or not," he said.

He added Bersatu could also use the State election as proof of their popular support instead of criticising such a move.

Datuk Dr Sulaiman, who is also the Federal Land and Regional Development Minister, said the Sarawak Barisan Nasional leaders have started going to the ground to brief the people on the events surrounding the bid to oust Datuk Taib.

He said this was in anticipation of a similar blitz by Bersatu.

He claimed that if the Bersatu leaders were to launch similar campaigns, they would know how angry the people are with them.

"For the past two nights, I have been attending dialogue sessions with the people from Datuk Hajah Hafsah Harun's constituency.

"They were angry that Datuk Hajah Hafsah had not gone through the proper channels to air her grievances, resulting in a political crisis," he claimed.

(Datuk Hajah Hafsah is formerly a State Cabinet member but has since resigned and joined the Bersatu camp).

He was confident that the State Barisan would be able to get the people's support in defeating Bersatu candidates at the polls.



Datuk Patinggi Taib being chaired by supporters.

## *BN moves to counter allegations against Taib*

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. — The Sarawak Barisan Nasional meeting on Monday would discuss strategies to counter allegations that the State Government under Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Abdul Taib Mahmud had not done enough for the Dayaks.

Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu (PBB) deputy president Datuk Abang Abu Bakar said the meeting to discuss preparations for the election would also select Dayak candidates who were committed to the cause of their community.

He said the candidates could come from PBB or the other two component parties in the State Barisan, the Sarawak United People's Party (SUPP) and the Sarawak National Party (SNAP), all of whom have Dayaks as members.

Thus, he said, the State Barisan committee was not worried over claims that the Parti

Bangsa Dayak Sarawak (PBDS) would be able to muster all the Dayaks, who make up 50 per cent of the population in the State, under their fold in the coming State polls.

He added it was wrong for the PBDS to assume that it could obtain 100 per cent support from the Dayaks as it is common knowledge that the community also supports the three other State Barisan component parties as seen in their membership of these parties.

### Nationalism

"Furthermore, it is inaccurate to see the Dayaks as one homogenous community. The Dayaks in Sarawak's Second Division are not close with their tribesmen in the neighbouring division because of historical and other reasons," he told newsmen at Parliament House here.

Datuk Abang Abu Bakar

who is also the Deputy Defence Minister said the claim by the PBDS that it is at the forefront of Dayak nationalism was untrue.

"We can compare the development enjoyed by the Dayaks under the Chief Ministership of Tun Abdul Rahman Yaakub and that under Datuk Taib."

The Dayaks would be given explanations and told the "real story" behind the move to oust Datuk Taib. He did not elaborate on what he meant by the "real story".

The PBB deputy president said that the allocation of seats for the PBB, SUPP and SNAP would also be raised in the meeting on Monday, now that the PBDS has made it clear that it would be contesting against the State Barisan in the coming Sarawak polls.

He did not foresee any problem in the distribution of seats among the three parties.

# Full PBDS support for Tun Rahman

He is the only person who can unite the groups — Leo Moggie

**KUCHING** — Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak (PBDS) President Datuk Leo Moggie yesterday pledged his party's full support for Tun Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Rahman Yakub as Chief Minister if the Bersatu group were to win the coming elections.

PBDS supports strongly the return of Tun Rahman to active politics because there is no other person at the moment who can reconsolidate the various political factions in the State. *Bernama* quoted him as saying in a despatch from Jakarta.

Datuk Moggie, who is Energy, Telecommunications and Posts Minister, is in the Indonesian capital attending the Asean Energy Ministers Meeting.

Asked if he was prepared to return and lead the State, Datuk Moggie said: "The question does not arise. We in PBDS support Tun Rahman's leadership."

"We will endorse the appointment of Tun Rahman as the new Chief Minister if he and the others in the Bersatu group were to win



**DATUK LEO MOGGIE ...**  
*Reconsolidating political factions.*



**TUN RAHMAN ...**  
*Full support for his return to active politics.*

the coming elections," he said.

Datuk Moggie said the current political crisis was not the result of personality clashes as speculated by some quarters but rather the result of dissatisfaction of the people over the performances of the State government.

He said PBDS was prepared for the election and it would cooperate with the rest to ensure victory in the elections.

Datuk Moggie will return to Kuala Lumpur today.

The Bersatu group is formed by 28 State Assembly members, including four full Ministers and three Assistant Ministers, opposed to Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud.

The State Assembly was dissolved on Thursday to pave the way for fresh state elections.



Datuk Daniel Tajem being welcomed by supporters at the Kuching airport early yesterday morning.

## Nine assemblymen may join PBDS

**KUCHING** — The five SNAP assemblymen associated with the Bersatu group are expected to join Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak (PBDS) soon.

"They are likely to defend their seats in the coming elections on PBDS tickets," Datuk Daniel Tajem, PBDS Deputy President, said early yesterday morning when he briefed party members and supporters here soon after arrival from Kuala Lumpur.

"Arrangements are being made to give them the application forms to join the party," said Datuk Tajem to the applause of party members welcoming him at the Kuching International Airport.

The five are SNAP Deputy President and former Minister of Land Development Datuk Edward Jeli, secretary general Datuk Joseph Balan Seling, vice president and former Assistant Minister of Culture and Sports Mr. Michael Ben. Mr. Nuing Kudi and Mr. Gimnan Itam.

Datuk Tajem said that former Assistant Minister of Welfare, Mr. Hollis Tini and Mr. Wilfred Kiroh, both formerly with the Sarawak United People's Party (SUPP), Datuk Tajang Laing and Mr. Hilary Tawan of PBB are also expected to join PBDS.

"They have expressed their wish to join PBDS to me," said the former

Deputy Chief Minister and Minister of Agriculture and Community Development.

Datuk Tajem was given a rousing welcome by supporters. Many of them carried banners written in Iban and English, some of which read: *Kami bersatu, bukan lanun, Kayuh ka Prahau Dayak, Angkat Dayak Anang Surut, Idup Parti Dayak, Datuk Daniel, You're not alone!* and *Betong people salute you Datuk Daniel.*

Speaking to reporters, Datuk Tajem said: "Now people understand that we in PBDS do not stand for ourselves. We are trying to unite the Dayaks under one political party so that our voice can be better heard and

our difficulties can be considered and put forward."

He said that PBDS will contest in constituencies where the party has a good chance of winning or in areas where it has a marginal chance of winning.

On his differences with Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib, he said: "I did not know what had happened."

"But to me I did the same work that I was doing, except that I put forward Dayak interests slightly more forward since then."

"And if that is the cause of the dissension, then I cannot help it. I cannot help being born a Dayak," he said.

# Same one who toppled me, says Ningkan

KUCHING, Fri. — FORMER Chief Minister Datuk Stephen Kalong Ningkan said today that the person behind the group of 28 who tried to topple the government also had a hand in removing him in 1966.

Then that person wanted the post of the Chief Ministership, said Datuk Ningkan. He, however, would not want to name the person.

On Wednesday Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud attributed the sudden resignation of four of his ministers and three assistant ministers to the orchestration of an invisible rich pair of hands.

When questioned as to whether the previous state government leadership was involved, the Chief Minister said "yes".

Recalling the 1966 incident, Datuk Ningkan said, 21 of the 32 Alliance members in the Council Negeri signed a petition stating that they had lost confidence in him as Chief Minister. They asked for his removal.

"It is the same person who tried to topple me and now that person is doing it

to Datuk Taib," said Datuk Ningkan who is also the adviser of Sarawak National Party.

The signatures were obtained by calling the members to Kuala Lumpur which is also the base of the present group is using, he said.

"They called one after another to go to Kuala Lumpur. Until then they could not get the majority," he said, adding that the group could not dismiss him as he still had 21 Council Negeri members in his government.

The group approached the King to give consent to the Sarawak Governor to sack me, he said.

Datuk Stephen Kalong Ningkan refused to resign. He declared that the constitutional and democratic manner in dealing with a motion of no confidence was to debate it in the Council Negeri.

The Governor had no powers to sack the Chief Minister," he said.

He said that the Land Bill Crisis of 1965 and a year later his refusal to have Malay as the state's official language by September 1967 was made use of by former Yang Di Pertua Negeri Tun Rahman Yakub.

"Tun made use of that, saying I was anti-Malaysia," said the former Chief Minister who objected to the past and methods of the

plementing the national language policy in Sarawak.

He said he told the Prime Minister Tunku Abdul Rahman that English would remain the official language until 1973 or later if two-thirds (of the Assemblyman) in the Council Negeri decided so.

He was replaced by Penghulu Tawi Anak Sli from Parti Pesaka.

But on Sept 7, 1966 the High Court in Kuching ruled that the dismissal of Stephen Ningkan was unconstitutional.

But Penghulu Tawi Sli presented to the Governor, then the Speaker of Council Negeri, and the Chief Minister copies of a statutory declaration requesting an immediate meeting of Council Negeri and expressed no confidence in Datuk Ningkan.

Datuk Ningkan who said he is a son of a padi-farmer, wanted to call for a State Election.

On Sept 15, the Federal Government declared a state of emergency in Sarawak.

"If given the chance to hold a state election I could have won," he said.

He said it was a 'false emergency.'

Datuk Ningkan said he pledged his full support to the leadership of the Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib.



Of the intended Snap Central Executive Committee meeting that to be held in Kuala Lumpur, the Snap adviser said the CEC could not be held any place outside Sarawak.

He said the CEC to be held tomorrow (Saturday) will form a disciplinary committee to investigate the eight Snap members who are involved with the rebel group.

Legally convened Kuching meeting declares rebels' 7 resolutions null and void

# SNAP KL CEC meeting illegal: Wong

By Jack Wong

KUCHING, Sat.— The purported SNAP Central Executive Committee (CEC) meeting chaired by party deputy president Datuk Edward Jeli in Kuala Lumpur last midnight was illegal, ultra vires the party constitution, party president, Datuk Amar James Wong, declared today.

He said the legally constituted and convened CEC meeting chaired by him this afternoon had declared the purported meeting null and void including all the seven so-called resolutions adopted at the meeting in Ming Court Hotel, Kuala Lumpur.

(One of the resolutions was for SNAP to withdraw its support to Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Taib to continue to lead Sarawak BN).

The decision of today's meeting was conveyed this afternoon to Datuk Jeli at Ming Court Hotel in a telex.

Datuk Amar Wong said Article 1 Clause 2 of the party constitution stipulates that the official place for the CEC meeting shall be at Lots 304-305 Bangunan Mei Jun, Rubber Road, Kuching.

The party president had earlier received a telex from Datuk Jeli informing him of the seven resolutions passed at the adjourned 17th meeting of the CEC last midnight in the Federal Capital.

Datuk Amar Wong told Datuk Jeli in the telex that the latter had no right to chair any CEC meeting as he (Datuk Amar Wong) was not away from Malaysia.

Datuk Jeli had called for the CEC meeting in Kuala Lumpur on March 11 in his capacity as party acting president while Datuk Amar Wong was in Tokyo. But the meeting was aborted as there was not enough quorum then.

Datuk Amar Wong said at a meeting between Datuk Jeli and other CEC members in his hotel room in Kuala Lumpur on March 11, he had directed the CEC meeting to be held at SNAP Headquarters here today.

He said the notice of today's meeting had been duly served on Datuk Jeli and other CEC members, including those in Datuk Jeli's group, and widely publicised in the local and national newspapers.

He said as Datuk Jeli did not enjoy the support of other CEC members, whom he said, were in the majority, the latter and his group had deliberately absented themselves from today's CEC meeting and purportedly held one secretly in Kuala Lumpur last midnight without any notice to him and other CEC members.

"I must add that as party leader, you (Datuk Jeli) and your group have totally abdicated your responsibilities to the party and its members by hiding in Kuala Lumpur instead of coming back here," he told Datuk Jeli in the telex.

Datuk Amar Wong hoped that Datuk Jeli would abide by the Prime Minister's advice to act accordingly to the law, and, in this case, the party constitution, to avoid unpleasant or untoward incidents.

He also told Datuk Jeli that the resolution passed by the party in the last TGM in December 1984 in affirming unqualified support for Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib is still binding on the party, including the CEC.

"The CEC cannot act against this resolution," he added.

Datuk Jeli's group, which associates itself with "Bersatu", is said to comprise other assemblymen and former Cabinet Ministers and assistant Ministers attempting to topple the Chief Minister.

They are suspected party vice-president, Mr Michael Ben, secretary-general Datuk Joseph Balan Seling, treasurer-general Mr Ting Ling Kiew, Mr Paul Kueh, Mr Andrew Nyabe, Mr Rufus N'ang (who was sacked from SNAP today) and Mr Ernest Chua, whose appointment as party publicity chief had been terminated.

Also reported to be in the group are assemblymen Mr Nuing Kudi and Mr Gimam Itam.

Party sources said a former assemblyman, Mr Peter Gani, had flown to Kuala Lumpur early today to join in Datuk Jeli's group.

The seven resolutions passed by the purported CEC meeting chaired by Datuk Jeli in Kuala Lumpur and carried exclusively by The Borneo Post today were as follows:

- The Sarawak National Party do withdraw its support for Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud to continue to lead the Sarawak State Barisan Nasional government.

- The Sarawak National Party do endorse the actions of its five elected state assemblymen, namely, Datuk Edward Jeli, Datuk Balan Seling, Mr

Michael Ben, Mr Nuing Kudi, Mr Gimam Ak Itam, in writing to His Excellency Yang Di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak to indicate the loss of confidence in the Chief Minister of Sarawak.

- The Sarawak National Party do endorse and rectify the decision of Datuk Edward Jeli as Mr Michael Ben in resigning from their respective minister and assistant minister's posts.

- The Sarawak National Party do give its full support to the Bersatu group.

- The Sarawak National Party has lost confidence in Datuk James Wong as the president of the party and Dr Patuu Rubis as vice-president of the party.

- The Sarawak National Party do not sanction or endorse the appointment of Datuk James Wong and Dr Patuu Rubis to the post of a minister and assistant minister respectively. The party hereby direct Datuk James Wong and Dr Patuu Rubis to resign as minister and assistant minister respectively forthwith.

- The Central Executive Committee resolved to hold the 10th triennial general assembly of the party on 16th and 17th of May at SNAP HQ, Kuching.

## PBDS confident of a major victory

KUCHING (Bernama) — Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak (PBDS) has vowed to give stiff competition to candidates from other parties in the forthcoming state election especially in Iban areas.

A party spokesman said yesterday the PBDS was confident of securing a major victory.

"We are now identifying the areas to contest and have included three Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu (PBB) represented areas as some of our target constituencies," he said.

However, he declined to reveal the areas.

He added that the PBDS would discuss the matter with other members of the "BERSATU"

group to reach an understanding on the areas to contest.

PBDS, in the 1983 election, won six seats and added two more later by admitting two independent state assemblymen.

The spokesman said the party was confident of a major victory as nine former state assemblymen in the "BERSATU" group had expressed their intention to join the PBDS and contest under its banner.

They include Encik Hilary Tawan (Gedong) and Datuk Tajang Laing (Belaga), both from the PBB.

Friday night, PBDS Deputy President and

former Deputy Chief Minister, Datuk Daniel Tajem, said membership forms would be handed over to the nine former assemblymen from the "BERSATU" group.

He said five Sarawak National Party (SNAP) members were among those who had expressed their wishes: to be in the PBDS.

They are Deputy President and former Land Development Minister Datuk Edward Jeli, Secretary-General Datuk Joseph Balang Seling, Vice-President and former Assistant Culture Minister Michael Ben, and former assemblymen Nuing Kudi and Giman anak Itam.

## Masing: Join our fight



JAMES MASING

KUCHING — Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak (PBDS) has called on other Dayak leaders to join the cause the party is fighting for, Dr James Masing, PBDS' publicity chief said in a statement yesterday.

He said the Dayak leaders and ministers from the Sarawak National Party, the Sarawak United People's Party and PBDS have made great personal sacrifices for the sake of Dayak unity and struggle.

"It is our wish and hope that other Dayak leaders would have a change of heart and join our cause.

"Dayak leaders should now look beyond personal interests and consider, at least for once, the interest of our own community," he said.

Dr James said that in fighting for the cause of poor people like the Dayaks, political leaders, must be willing to face hardships and should not be tempted by positions, comfort and promises.

"To build a better tomorrow for the Dayaks, we must make a beginning. The beginning is now!" said Dr James.

## PBDS position in BN to be discussed

KUALA SELANGOR (Bernama) — Barisan Nasional secretary general Encik Ghafar Baba will meet BN chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today to discuss on the position of the Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak (PBDS) in the BN.

"I will meet with the Prime Minister and possibly with leaders of the other parties on the matter," he said to newsmen after officiating the UMNO Kuala

Selangor Delegates meeting here yesterday.

PBDS, which is involved with the group opposing Sarawak's Chief Minister Datuk Latingo Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud still considers itself as a BN member. This stand has been stated by its president Datuk Leo Moggie Friday night.

Encik Ghafar, who is also the Deputy Prime Minister, considers the PBDS problem as one which is 'quite confidential.'

When asked on the position of Federal Minister and deputy Minis-

ters associated with the group, he said, it is Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir's right whether to retain them or otherwise.

Encik Ghafar also confirmed he did meet former Sarawak Yang Di-Pertua Negeri Tun Datuk Patinggi Abdul Rahman Yakub who handed him a letter from the dissident group for Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir.

"However, before we could act, the Sarawak State Legislative Assembly was dissolved. The only thing remaining is the PBDS matter," he added. — Bernama.

# Moggie: Stand solidly behind PBDS and 'Bersatu'

KUCHING — Datuk Leo Moggie, Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak president, has called on the people of Sarawak, especially the Dayaks to stand solidly behind PBDS and "Bersatu".

"This coming election will be very crucial for PBDS and the Dayak Community," he said to more than 500 members and supporters of the party at the residence of Datuk Daniel Tajem on Saturday night.

The members and supporters had arrived at Datuk Tajem's residence to listen to Datuk Moggie's explanation on the recent event in Kuala Lumpur.

Datuk Moggie, who is also the Minister for Energy, Posts and Tele-

communications added: "If there are some Dayaks who can be bought over and be induced by monetary and material gains, then nothing much can we do.

"PBDS will not be able to buy people to support its cause. But if educated Dayaks do not think in term of the community's unity and interests, then we should not blame others for all the problems that we face today, but blame ourselves.

"In the past we put the blame on other people for any problem," said Datuk Moggie.

## 'MIRING'

Earlier on arrival at the Kuching Airport, Datuk Moggie was given a hero's welcome by more than 1,000 members and supporters.

As soon as he appeared from the VIP lounge, Datuk Moggie was asked



Datuk Moggie with Datuk Tajem and Datuk Edmund Langgu (right) performing a "miring" Saturday night.

to perform a "miring" ceremony. This was followed by Datuk Moggie's performance of a ngajat.

As he shook hands with the members, there were shouts of "Hidup PBDS, Hidup Bersatu and Hidup Tun Ra-

man".

There were also posters and banners with words written in Iban, English and Bahasa Malaysia.

Some of the banners read: "Bersatu Meyalamatkan Rakyat, Leju

Kital Numpang Layar Orang, Anang Numpang Bilik Orang, Datuk Leo our confidence is your strength, Betong People welcome you, Layar Udah bisi, perhau Aja Giga, Kayuh ke Perhau Dayak."

## Support for Datuk Tra, Datuk Hafsa

KUCHING — The Women Division of Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak and all its branches throughout the State fully support the move made by Datuk Tra Zehnder (PBDS Woman President) and Datuk Hafsa Harun (PBB Woman President) in giving full backing to the group now known as "Kumpulan Bersatu Sarawak".

In a press statement signed by its Deputy President, Puan Vida Bayang said: "The courage and conviction of

Datuk Tra and Datuk Hafsa and their willingness to sacrifice personal comfort and high position in politics and society in opting to throw their weight and high standing in society behind the Group of 28 in order to ensure fairness and justice are most commendable.

"These are the hallmarks of true leaders," she said.

She went on to say that in these two women leaders "reside the true

meaning of integrity. In them also reside the spirit to fight against injustices."

She said that PBDS women Division urged all women voters in the State to emulate the example of Datuk Tra and Datuk Hafsa.

For in supporting them and the group of 28, political, social and economic justice of Sarawak in particular and Malaysia in general would be better assured, Puan Vida said.

# I will stand for polls, Rahman confirms

KUCHING, Sun.— Former Chief Minister Tun Haji Abdul Rahman Yakub personally confirmed today he will be contesting in this snap polls and said he will decide later tonight in which constituency he will stand.

He said he would be meeting members of Bersatu Group, which opposes the leadership of Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud, tonight to discuss their plans.

But Tun Rahman claimed

he was a "bit in a dilemma because I don't want to hurt the feelings of the voters who have asked me to contest in their areas."

Speaking at a packed Press conference, Tun Rahman, who was the Chief Minister from 1970 to 1981, said he would either contest in Matu Daro or Kuala Rajang or any other place.

He claimed the people from these constituencies had been asking him to contest in their areas, but he would only decide later which area he would stand.

In the past years and until recently, Tun Rahman only

made a vague statement of his plan to return to active politics.

To a question whether his health permits him to return to active politics, Tun Rahman said, "I can only offer part of my service, but it is only for a short period."

He said: "I don't intend to stay for years."

Tun Rahman also told reporters his group is prepared to debate with the "other side" on issues affecting Sarawak today.

He said the debate could be open to public.

# I'll make public my letters to Taib: Rahman

KUCHING, Sun.— Former Chief Minister Tun Haji Abdul Rahman Yakub said today he will publish the letters that he sent to his successor Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud in due course.

He said the letters contain his criticisms of Datuk Taib.

Speaking to reporters on his return from Kuala Lumpur, he said he would let these letters open to public so that they could read the contents.

"You can read for

yourself, and judge for yourselves," he told the reporters.

Tun Rahman, who was the Head of State from 1981 to 1985, said his criticisms of Datuk Taib was out of love.

"However, to love that person does not mean that you should be blind to his weaknesses," he said.

Tun Rahman said it was the duty of everyone to say what he thought was wrong or right "in which he finds in the person he loves so that this person will not be spoiled."

"Friends, relatives could spoil that person by not pointing out the wrong, the mistakes that person does," he added.

He said to criticise a person did not mean that "you want to bring him down or you want him to be sacrificed or you are insincere to him."

"In fact, anyone who is close to you and who sees nothing wrong in you, and so on - watch that man."

"That man will be the person who will bring you down."

"I am talking about the philosophy," he said.

He said he brought Datuk Taib back from Kuala Lumpur because he was the first deputy president of PBB at that time.

"I knew extremely well that when he became Chief Minister I would have to assist him to overcome whatever difficulties that he might face," Tun Rahman said.

"This is exactly what I did. But soon after he came back, only for a few months, he started false allegations," he alleged.

Tun Rahman said he tried to give assistance so that Datuk Taib could improve himself in his work.

"But I failed in that respect," he said.



Tun Rahman (wearing songkok) and Datin Paduka Hajjah Hafsaah (on Tun Rahman's right) being greeted on their return by Datuk Tajem (right), Datuk Langu and Mr Gramong.

# 150 turn up to welcome home Rahman

KUCHING, Sun.— About 150 people turned up at the Kuching International Airport today to welcome the former Head of State and Chief Minister Tun Haji Abdul Rahman Yakub who returned from Kuala Lumpur.

Among those present to welcome him were PBDS deputy president Datuk Daniel Tajem, secretary-general Datuk Edmund Langu, Youth leader Mr Gramong Juna, 'suspended' SNAP treasurer and Bintulu MP Mr Ting Ling Kiew, 'suspended' vice president Mr Michael Ben and former State Assemblymen.

Briefly addressing the crowd, Tun Rahman thanked them for their presence, but said they should not have come to receive him.

He said their presence at the airport had caused "a bit of problem to the police."

He urged them not to waste the time of the police with their large turning out.

Tun Rahman returned from Kuala Lumpur with former Social Development Minister and PBB Wanita chief, Datin Paduka Hajjah Hafsaah Harun and former Environment and Tourism Minister Datuk Haji Tahir

# Loyalty pledge to Taib

More than 200 delegates from all the 48 divisions of Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu Sarawak (PBB) as well as 144 of its leaders from the PBB Wanita, Youth and main body are expected to pledge their loyalty to party President Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud at a meeting at the party headquarters here tomorrow.

A spokesman of the PBB headquarters could not say exactly what issues will be brought up at the meeting — the first since the party's triennial delegates conference last year — but believed that those present will, among other things, pledge loyalty and undivided support to Datuk Patinggi Taib, who is also Chief Minister and State BN Chairman.

There had been an attempt to topple Datuk Patinggi Taib by a group of 27 state assemblymen, including seven from the PBB, among whom is Wanita leader Datin Paduka Hajah

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Hafsah Harun.

Since then, many PBB divisions, including Petra Jaya, Saribas, Lawas, Kalaka, Gedong and Belaga have expressed their full backing for Datuk Patinggi Taib and at the same time condemned those PBB members involved in the power grab attempt.

Meanwhile, the Oya PBB division today expressed undivided support in the leadership of Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud.

Its spokesman, Dr Leo Michael Toyad, said all 17 branches in the division headed by Encik Ghazali Kipli pledged the support at a four-hour dialogue at the PBB headquarters here.

He said the dialogue was a normal one to seek advice and the views of the Chief Minister, especially with regard to preparations for the state election.— Bernama

# Choose devt conscious leaders: CM

KUCHING, Mon.—

Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud has reminded the rakyat to choose only leaders who are really sincere in developing the state, particularly the rural areas, and not those promoting only personal or factional interests.

"This is because Sarawak has potential for development since it possesses rich natural resources like minerals, land and manpower, he told a press conference at his residence at Jalan Dato in Petra Jaya here last night.

He said proper and balanced development in both urban and rural areas could only be achieved through a cohesive and comprehensive overall masterplan to benefit the various races as advocated by a government that believed in power-sharing among its component parties through its concept of politics of development.

## Seriousness

Datuk Patinggi Taib said his government's seriousness in championing the people could be seen from the \$1 billion surplus in the state's reserves, even during this time of economic recession, compared with the less than \$100 million in reserves when he took over the Chief Ministership in 1981.

The government's seriousness in uplifting the lot of the people, particularly the rural folks, could be seen from the imple-

mentation of the multi-million ringgit Kelaka/Saribas and Samarahan Basin Integrated Agricultural Development Programmes (IADP) besides the development of areas like Kapit, Mukah, Marudi, and Lingga in the Sri Aman Division which, he claimed, had been neglected by the previous government.

Datuk Patinggi Taib stressed he would not tolerate those who defied or tried to defy the democratic mandate given to the government by the people.

Referring to the anti-Taib movement by a group of dissident state assemblymen opposed to his leadership, he described it as the "most extreme of political opportunism."

## Fresh mandate

On the statement by former Yang Dipertua Negeri and former Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Rahman Yabuk, who is aligned with the group, that he (Datuk Patinggi Taib) was power-greedy, the Chief Minister said if this was true, he would not be going to the people to seek a fresh mandate in line with the democratic process.

Datuk Patinggi Taib, who is also state BN chairman, led the state BN component parties of Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu (PBB), Sarawak National Party (SNAP), Sarawak United People's Party (SUPP) and the Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak (PBDS), which has now thrown its

support behind the anti-Taib group, to a landslide victory in the 1983 state election, winning 45 of the 48 seats.

He dismissed claims by the group that its members like SNAP Deputy President Datuk Edward Jeli and PBDS Deputy President Datuk Daniel Tajem, who quit as State Land Development and Deputy Chief Minister and State Minister of Agriculture and Community Development respectively, were not given the power to carry out their duties.

"In fact, the assistant ministers in my government are given more power than the Deputy Chief Ministers in the previous government headed by Tun Rahman," Datuk Patinggi Taib charged.

He claimed both Datuk Tajem and Datuk Jeli had ran out of initiative and did not take seriously their job of serving the rakyat and developing the state, unlike their assistants, Encik Adenan Satem and Abang Johari Tun Abang Haji Openg, who have been upgraded to ministers to replace them.

Datuk Patinggi Taib also said he would ensure there was no concentration of either wealth or power among elected representatives and state ministers to prevent a similar "power grab" from occurring again.

However he did not specify how this would be effected.— Bernama

# Tun Rahman reveals purpose It's to save Taib's face

**KUCHING** — The group of 28 Assemblymen who had gone to Kuala Lumpur to unanimously call for the resignation of Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud had a purpose behind the move — they did not want to embarrass the Chief Minister by passing a motion of no confidence on him at the next Dewan Undangan Negeri sitting.

This was revealed by former Head of State, Tun Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Rahman Yakub who told pressmen at the Kuching International Airport that move was prompted by the urging of Deputy Prime Minister Encik Ghafar Baba who had called on them to "save the face of the Chief Minister."

The group had first met with the Deputy Prime Minister and later followed up with a letter to him in his capacity as Secretary-General of the Barisan Nasional with regard to their dissatisfaction with the Chief Minister's leadership.

Tun Rahman said that Encik Ghafar then asked the members of group who were present then, led by Datuk Leo Moggie and Datuk Daniel Tajem, to persuade the Chief Minister to withdraw nicely.

He added that Kuala Lumpur was chosen as the venue for them to convene and make their move because it would have been a wrong tactic to do so at the 'centre of the crisis' and not because they "were afraid to face the people" as alleged by some quarters.

## FALSE PROMISES

Tun Rahman, who himself had just returned from Kuala Lumpur accompanied by former Minister of Social Development, Datuk Hafsa Harun, said the crux of problem behind the dissatisfaction of the Dayaks that had led all the Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak members to defect and join the group was because the Chief Minister does not understand the feelings of a large section of the community and had resorted to false promises. "These had led them to believe that he (Datuk Taib) no longer had interest in the community they represented."

He said that it is insufficient for a leader to boast of developments in the country since it is his duty to develop the place.

"Physical development alone is not enough. What is important is attitude and the relationship a leader has with his people," he added.

Apart from making himself inaccessible to the people, Datuk Taib has been accused of showing favours at the dissatisfaction of some Cabinet ministers and even "making fools of these ministers."

Tun Rahman hoped that once the elections are over, the Head of State, Datuk Patinggi Haji Ahmad Zaidi Adruce would play a neutral role and not involve himself with politics. He was referring to the Head of State's inavailability by telephone and in person when former Tourism and Environment Minister, Datuk Haji Noor Tahir tried to hand the letters of no confidence from the Assemblymen to the Head of State.

## TIES WITH SUPP

The Tun also said he would be revealing to the public the relationship he has with the Sarawak United People's Party (SUPP), who, with others, had accused him of splitting the Chinese. Some of the SUPP leaders, he said, were unhappy with him for allowing DAP leader, Mr Lim Kit Siang to enter the State. He said he had no choice but to allow the opposition leader entry into the State because it would have been undemocratic not to have done so.

He has also indicated his intention to contest in the fourth-coming elections although the constituency has yet to be finalised. He denied reports that he was using the PBDS to return to active politics and said he got involved with the group only because the PBDS members had persuaded him to do so.

Deputy President of PBDS and former Deputy Chief Minister, Datuk Daniel Tajem, who was also present at the airport, said that they had persuaded the Tun to get involved with them because of his experience and stature.

About 300 supporters of Tun Rahman were at the airport to welcome him.

# Neutrality: Group to seek assurance from TYT

By Caroline Jackson

KUCHING - The Bersatu group will write to the Yang di-Pertua Negeri, Datuk Patinggi Haji Ahmad Zaidi Aduce, this week seeking an assurance that he will remain neutral in the coming state election.

"We will seek his assurance that the other side will not be invited to form the next state government should the Bersatu group win the election," Tun Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Rahman Yakub said.

Meeting newsmen at a press conference yesterday, he also said Bersatu had appointed him as the co-ordinator for the coming election. The appointment was made at a meeting here on Sunday night.

He said the refusal on the part of the Head of State to see the group last week was most unfair as he should have been more prudent and should not have appeared to be siding with the other side.

"This poses the question of what will happen if one group were to contest under the Barisan symbol and the other under different symbols with no particular group winning a majority," he pointed out.

"What will the TYT do under the circumstances?" he asked.

Referring to the Ningkan crisis, he said that in his (Ningkan's) case the then governor Tun Abang Hj. Openg had acted on a letter signed by the majority of Council Negeri members to the Governor and based on that letter he dismissed Ningkan.



Tun Rahman (centre) flanked by Mr Wilfred Nissom (left) and Mr David Tiong (right) at the press conference yesterday.

The state constitution since had been then amended through emergency powers passed in Parliament.

Tun Rahman explained that in the Bersatu case, the group had only asked the TYT to summon the State Assembly so that a motion of no confidence could be tabled.

He said that initially the group wanted to avoid this move in order to give face to the Chief Minister, Datuk Patinggi Taib Mahmud.

He also said the inaccessibility of the TYT to the group has made him open to questions.

On the line-up of candidates for the coming elections, he said the group is waiting for Datuk Edward Jell to decide on the SNAP candidates.

Datuk Edward Jell who is the former State Minister of Land Development and SNAP's

Deputy President only returned from Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

He also said the group is looking into the possibility of registering under an umbrella organisation and a symbol that can be used by all the candidates.

On the Chief Minister's move in transferring the Angkatan Nahdhatul Islam Sarawak (Bina's) suspended timber licence to the custody of the Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC), Tun Rahman said that it is an element of allegation implying that "we have been misusing BINA's funds."

"Does it mean that if it is not placed under STIDC we are going to use BINA funds for that purpose?" he asked.

As a trustee for BINA, Tun Rahman said he will take legal action on the matter.

He denied that the

recent freezing of thirty-six timber concessions was a factor that triggered the present political situation.

It was because of the assemblymen were not consulted over issues he explained involving the Kampung Dagang scheme in Miri, in which BINA's application for shophouse was turned down by the government two months ago.

He also said the strength of SNAP and PBDS should not be underestimated. The leaders do not want Sarawak politics to develop like in Sabah and there is no question of them being anti-other races, he stressed.

Also present at the press conference yesterday were the assemblyman for Igan Mr David Tiong and the assemblyman for Bengoh Mr Wilfred Nissom.

# Adenan points out rebel group's blunders

KUCHING, Mon. — THE State Minister for Land Development Encik Adenan Haji Satem today pointed out the blunders of the rebel group who tried to topple the government.

"People always think Tun Rahman is a political genius. I am afraid he has made a few silly blunders recently," he said.

Encik Adenan pointed out these blunders.

"He (Tun Rahman) made his move when the Dewan was not sitting. A vote of no confidence must be taken on the floor of the House when it is sitting. He could have waited until June this year.

He (Tun Rahman) presumed that the Head of State would succumb to pressure. The TYT did not. The Head of State also knows his constitutional law.

"The Yang Di-Pertua is not easily swayed from his constitutional duties.

When the Head of State refused to yield the pressure, dissolved the Dewan, swore in an interim government under Datuk Taib and refused to swear in Datuk Noor, their game us up.

"Having committed blunder No 2, they went on to commit the third blunder and this was to attempt to stop the dissolution and the elections.

"This shows they were afraid to face the people. When they realised their error, it was too late. Datuk Taib had already addressed the big rally at Central Padang.

"As if this is not enough, they committed blunder No 4 and this was to make their move just a few days after Datuk Taib and I announced the impending review of timber licences.

"People now know there is a connection here.

"People now know there is a connection between their interests in timber licences and their attempt to topple the government.

"By trying to topple the government through unconstitutional means they had attempted to deny the people their right to choose the government they want.

Encik Adenan said the Chief Minister by advising the Head of State to dissolve the Dewan and to have general election was giving the people the opportunity to exercise this right.

"Tun Rahman tried to stop the people from exercising their right. So much for the political genius of Tun Rahman."

He said there were two real issues in the coming state Election.

"Whether the people are prepared to be ruled by a bunch of rebels or extremists who tried to deny the people of their rights to choose their government or reject them altogether once and for all," he said.

"The people power is behind the Chief Minister whilst the Ming Court power is behind Tun Rahman," he said.

"The choice belongs to the people."



ENCIK ADENAN SATEM

## MINISTER COMES FIGHTING BACK AT MOVE BY REBELS

KUCHING, Mon. — STATE Minister for Land Development Encik Adenan Satem today described the group of 27 and their associates who tried to topple the Chief Minister last week as rebels who tried to grab power by political robbery.

The others he said had been induced and led by the nose by these rebels led by their maestro, he said today adding the likes of Michael Ben and Hollis Tini as belonging to this group.

Encik Adenan, who came back from Australia fighting back at the latest turn of events said, "It is very clear now that those YBs who consorted at the Ming Court Hotel (in Kuala Lumpur) had insulted the people who elected them in the first place."

Over a major issue of toppling the government they ignored the very people who made them Yang Berhormats (YBs) in the first place, he said.

"No wonder their constituencies are angry with them," he said.

He said in a democracy it is the common people who decide who their government ought to be, and not some Ming Court rendezvous.

Of timber licences, Encik Adenan said some of the rebels included timber tycoons who had interests in timber licences either directly, indirectly or through nominees.

"Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib and myself made announcements over a review of timber licences

just a few days before their attempted coup. It is clear that what they want to champion is not the people but their timber licences.

"Everyone knows who is one of the biggest timber tycoons in Sarawak is. He was once a big shot in Sarawak."

He said these political pirates had tried to stop the dissolution of Council Negeri as they were afraid to face the people.

They had even attempted to stop the people from exercising their right to choose a government of their choice, he said.

"When the Dewan was dissolved, nevertheless they realised they had made a tactical mistake and that is why Tun Rahman said they will no longer oppose the dissolution."

# Sarawak: Crisis leading to another election battle

LAST week the simmering crisis in Sarawak came to a boil but the crisis took place in Ming Court, Kuala Lumpur, instead of being settled in Kuching.

On Tuesday, Mar 10, most of the members of the Council Negri, i.e. the Sarawak State Assembly, quietly slipped away from Kuching and flew to Kuala Lumpur where they had hoped to deliver the coup de grace to knock out Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud as the Chief Minister of Sarawak.

First let me say that for the State Assemblymen to have slipped out of Kuching Airport in the company of Tun Haji Abdul Rahman Yakub, the former Governor and Chief Minister, is quite a feat — as that the intelligence services of Datuk Patinggi Taib are sipping.

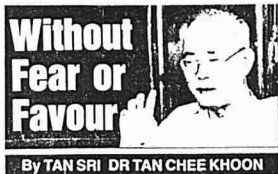
Normally when a coup d'etat is contemplated the operation takes place in the state capital and not at the Federal capital, unless the dissident party thinks that it needs the approval and assistance of the Federal leaders.

The dissidents have gone to great lengths to emphasise that the change of leadership must be decided by the State Assemblymen themselves without the interference of the Federal leaders, and yet they have trooped in as a body to seek the Oracle of Delphi to receive his blessings.

The Oracle, in the person of the Prime Minister as head of the Barisan Nasional, declined to take sides and advised them to rock the boat and disturb the peace and serenity of the state. As Minister of Home Affairs, he will have to act to preserve law and order should the need arise.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad also pointed out to the dissidents that the place to seek change of power was in Kuching and not Kuala Lumpur.

The proper way to effect a change was for the dissidents to go back to the respective parties and if that was done and approved, the rest would be simple.



I am surprised that a veteran like Tun Rahman could make such a cardinal error as to meet in Kuala Lumpur rather than in Kuching if the plotters were given first-class tickets to Kuala Lumpur and a stay in Ming Court, the expenses for staging a rebellion must be great.

The long-standing animosity between uncle and nephew dates from the time when Tun Rahman decided to step down as Chief Minister of Sarawak, and he picked as his successor his nephew, Datuk Patinggi Taib.

At that time Datuk Patinggi Taib was a Federal minister and amongst other offices he held was that of Minister of Defence. He was eminently qualified to step into the shoes of his uncle.

Tan Sri Abdul Rahman Yakub had left behind him a record of service that was difficult to emulate. Coming from a poor home and with no advantage of family connection, Abdul Rahman Yakub nevertheless managed to get through a law course.

Then came Malaysia, and he had a hand in its formation. When I entered the Dewan Rakyat in 1964, Rahman Yakub was an up-and-coming Member of Parliament from Sarawak, and very soon he became a Federal minister.

After May 13 he was given the tricky job of Minister of Education, and in 1970 he introduced the use of Bahasa Kebangsaan as the medium of instruction and of examination. This was ef-

fectuated in stages and today it is used as the medium of instruction and of examination in all our universities.

The state election of 1971 resulted in a deadlock between the three parties, PBB (Parti Bumiputra Bersatu), SNAP (Sarawak National Party) and SUPP (Sarawak Peoples' Party). After prolonged intense and often devious negotiations, PBB and SUPP joined up to form a coalition government with Tun Rahman as Chief Minister.

He ruled as Chief Minister from 1971 to 1983. His tenure of office was not a smooth one. On the question of royalties, Sarawak lost out to Petronas and had to settle for five per cent. Looking back he will agree that he should have asked for more.

Today all oil-producing states think of asking for 15 per cent, which I think is far too high. I think a fairer figure would be five to eight per cent.

## DAMAGE

In the early eighties the relations between Sarawak and Kuala Lumpur had become strained and Tun Rahman talked about resigning. In 1983 he did resign, but went on to become the Yang di-Pertua Negri.

But soon the relations between the Yang di-Pertua Negri and the Chief Minister turned sour. It all started with the official opening of the Port of Bintulu.

During the course of

the opening, the Yang di-Pertua Negri criticised the Federal Government for not doing enough for Sarawak, so much so that the Chief Minister walked out.

He later returned to take part in the ceremony and apologised for his conduct, but the damage had been done. From then on the relations between the two turned from bad to worse.

In 1985 my wife and I paid a visit to Sarawak and we called on both the Chief Minister and the Yang di-Pertua Negri. It was well known that there was no love lost between the two and they were openly attacking each other.

This rebellion reminds me of another episode in the history of Sarawak. In the mid-sixties the Chief Minister, Datuk Stephen Kalong Ningkan, fell foul of the Federal Government and was sacked.

The Alliance Party in Sarawak schemed for his downfall. He went to court and won and was reinstated.

The Federal Government then amended the Federal Constitution to plug the lacuna that existed and finally Ningkan was eased out.

I had a talk with Datuk Amar Stephen Yong, the Minister of Science, Technology and Environment and also the president of SUPP. Four of his State Assemblymen had defected and he was angry, at their duplicity.

Until a few days before Mar 10, he had met them at Muka and had discussed with them the situation in Sarawak. None of them had breathed a word against the Chief Minister, and yet a few days later they were in Kuala Lumpur to rail against Datuk Patinggi Taib, and called on him to resign.

The ring leaders had been successful in rounding up an impressive number of dissidents from each of the component parties of the Barisan Nasional.

The rebels leaders claimed that 28 Assemblymen had come to Kuala Lumpur and as I stated before this is an impressive number, if it is true.

From the PBB came 11 of them. They included Datuk Haji Noor Tahir, Minister of State Environment and Tourism, earmarked to be the Chief Minister designate.

All the eight Assemblymen from the PBB (Parti Bangsa Dayak Sarawak) joined the rebels. These included Datuk Daniel Taib, the Deputy Chief

Minister and Minister of Agriculture and Community Development.

From SNAP came five Assemblymen, including Datuk Edward Jeli anak Belalong, the Minister of Land Development.

Lastly four SUPP members defected to the rebels. This is an impressive number and if they had stuck together they could have toppled the pre-government of Datuk Patinggi Taib. But very soon cracks appeared.

First Haji Wan Abdul Welat and another had joined the rebels and another claimed that he had been tricked into joining it.

At the Press conference held in Kuala Lumpur, chaired by Datuk Leo Moggie, Tun Rahman said that if he were asked to head the Unity Group he would return to active politics.

## RECORD

Here I must say that it is sad to see a veteran like Tun Rahman trying to make a comeback. He has had a long and honourable record and at the age of three score he should retire honourably to tend to the roses in his garden and not try to return to the rough and tumble of active politics.

It would be a mistake for him to return to the political arena. In any case the rebels soon found out that words and resolutions do not make a government. The battle can only be won in the chamber of the Sarawak State Assembly in Kuching and not at Ming Court in Kuala Lumpur.

The rebels had been beaten to the post by Datuk Patinggi Taib when he called on the Yang di-Pertua Negri to dissolve the State Assembly.

And so the state is set for another snap election and both sides have said that they are prepared for the fight and are confident of the outcome.

I talked to Datuk Amar Stephen Yong and he is confident that the Barisan Nasional minus PBBs will be ready for the coming election battle.

And being the party in power it has a big advantage over the rebels. The rebels have Tun Rahman and some of the veterans of PBBs and PBB. There is no machinery and most important, they do not have a party or a party symbol.

# MOGGIE: ANYONE BUT TAIB

Bersatu is the name taken by a group of Sarawak assemblymen which met in Kuala Lumpur last week to demand Datuk Patinggi Abdul Taib's "honourable resignation" for "failing to administer the state effectively."

The group is led by the Chief Minister's uncle — former Yang Dipertua Negeri Tun Haji Abdul Rahman Yaakub.

In the last state election in 1983, PBDS won six of the 12 seats it contested. Two independents later joined the party.

Datuk Moggie did not say how many seats the party would contest in the coming state election, the date for which is expected to be announced Thursday.

#### PARTY'S CHOICE

On the Lubok Antu Parliamentary seat by-election, Datuk Moggie said he would meet the Prime Minister who is Barisan Nasional (BN) Chairman to submit the party's choice of candidate.

He said the PBDS was "nominating on behalf of the BN"

Asked to comment on possible moves by other components in the State BN (PBB, SNAP, SUPP) to prevent the PBDS from representing the coalition in the by-election, Datuk Moggie said they should not do so because this was a Parliamentary seat.

Nomination day is March 23 and polling over April 3 and 4 in the event of a contest.

The seat fell vacant with the death of former PBDS Vice-President Andrew Janggi Muyang following a road accident last month.

KUCHING (Bernama) — Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak (PBDS) President Datuk Leo Moggie said yesterday no single community can govern Sarawak because of the multi-racial nature of its population.

"Every community should be given the chance to participate meaningfully in formulating policies," he told reporters at Kuching International Airport before leaving for Kuala Lumpur.

Datuk Moggie, who is Federal Energy, Telecommunications and Posts Minister, was commenting on suggestions by certain quarters that the current crisis in the state was due to the Dayak community, particularly the Ibans, wanting to wrest power from the other communities.

He said the PBDS was willing to accept any Bumiputera, except Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud, as Sarawak Chief Minister.

"We have already written to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to say we have lost confidence in Datuk Patinggi Taib," he said.

The PBDS, he said, associated itself with a group of assemblymen to topple Datuk Patinggi Abdul Taib because the party wanted him to "resign voluntarily."

It disagreed with his leadership style but had no quarrel with the Barisan Nasional or the government.

"What we need is another leader for Chief Minister from the Bumiputera community, who is fair to all races in the state," he said.

#### OWN SYMBOL

Referring to reports that Datuk Patinggi Abdul Taib considered PBDS as having "walked out" of the Barisan Nasional, he said as far as he was concerned, the party had not "walked away" from the coalition because "our disagreement is only over the Chief Minister's leadership."

Datuk Moggie said his party would use its own symbol in rural constituencies in the upcoming state election called for by Datuk Patinggi Taib following the attempt to topple him. "In other areas, we will be contesting under the umbrella of Bersatu."



Datuk Moggie

# I did not implicate DPM — Tun Rahman

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 1987

## Ghafar: I am not involved

KUALA LUMPUR (Bernama) — Deputy Prime Minister Encik Ghafar Baba yesterday described as "mischievous" the allegations of his involvement in the recent attempt to topple Sarawak Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Taib Mahmud.

Speaking to reporters at Parliament House, Encik Ghafar who is Barisan Nasional Secretary-General said he had no connection whatsoever with the bid by the group of dissident Sarawak state assemblymen which called itself the "Bersatu group".

A Kuching newspaper report yesterday claimed Encik Ghafar supported the move initiated by the group and former Sarawak Yang Dipertua Negeri Tun Haji Abdul Rahman Yakub.

"I don't know anything about the matter and was in no way connected with it," he said.

"I myself had not met Tun Haji Rahman for nearly a year until when he came to Kuala Lumpur lately and talked about Sarawak politics and handed me a letter from the group."

Encik Ghafar regret-



ted the newsreport which he described as "mischievous" and wondered how the newspaper could publish it.

On his meeting with Prime Minister and Barisan Nasional Chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad Monday to discuss the political situation in Sarawak, Encik Ghafar said no final decision was made at the meeting.

No decision had also been made on when to have a meeting of the Barisan Nasional Supreme Council to discuss the matter, he said.

Sarawak will see state elections, called for by Datuk Patinggi Taib to seek a fresh mandate from the people.

KUCHING — No Federal leader is involved in the decision by the group of 28 assemblymen to call for the resignation of the Chief Minister.

Tun Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Rahman Yakub yesterday stated that neither he nor any member of the group has ever made any claim that Deputy Prime Minister Encik Ghafar Baba was involved in the effort to ask the Chief Minister to step down.

He was clarifying a report which stated that the group's move was at the urging of the DPM who had called on them to save the face of the Chief Minister.

In a statement, Tun Rahman said that the group had met the Deputy Prime Minister on March 8 this year where by the leaders of PBDS and SNAP expressed their dissatisfaction with the leadership of Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib.

He added that Encik Ghafar was non-committal but merely said that the views of the group would be conveyed to the Prime Minister when he received the letter from them.

"The group wrote the letter on March 9 to the Yang Amat Berhormat. It was delivered to his house."

"The letter reiterated the views conveyed orally to him on March 8," Tun Rahman disclosed.

Tun Rahman also agreed that until the March 8 meeting, he had not seen Encik Ghafar for about a year.

Yesterday, he sent a telegram to the Deputy Prime Minister conveying his regret at the way his statement was reported in the press.

The telegram also included the text of the press statement which is as follows:

"Neither I nor any member of our group has ever made any claim that Encik Ghafar Baba was involved in the effort to ask the Chief Minister to step down. Yang Amat Berhormat's role in the affair was follows:

"We saw him at a dinner on the 8th of March. The leaders of PBDS and SNAP expressed to him their dissatisfaction with Abdul Taib's leadership. Yang Amat Berhormat made no comments except to say that

he would convey the views of the group to the Prime Minister when he receives the letter from the group. The group wrote the letter on 9th of March to Yang Amat Berhormat. It was delivered to his house. The letter reiterated the views conveyed orally to him on the 8th.

"On March 11, the group's representatives met the Prime Minister. His press secretary later made a statement to the press conveying the Prime Minister's views on the subject."

"On March 12, I saw Encik Ghafar Baba at his office in Kuala Lumpur. Again Encik Ghafar

merely reiterated what he had said to the group during the dinner meeting on the 8th."

"It is true that until March 8, I have not seen Encik Ghafar for about a year. I would like to stress that no leader in Kuala Lumpur is involved in the group's decision."

Our report *It's to save Taib's face* of March 16, gave the impression that Deputy Prime Minister Encik Ghafar Baba was invited to the bid by the 28 assemblymen who had gathered in Kuala Lumpur to topple the Chief Minister of Sarawak.

Our report quoted the former Head of State Tun Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Rahman Yakub wrongly.

We wish to apologise to both Deputy Prime Minister Encik Ghafar Baba and the former Head of State, Tun Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Rahman Yakub for any embarrassment and inconvenience caused.

We regretted the error.

# Dewan: Only 48 seats for coming S'wak polls

**KUALA LUMPUR, Wed.**— The Dewan Rakyat today approved the motion on the Election Commission's report on a revision of the electoral boundaries of parliamentary and state seats in Sarawak.

The revision was carried out following Parliament's approval to increase the number of parliamentary seats in Sarawak from 24 to 27 and state seats from 48 to 56 under the Constitution (amendment) Act 1985 in October 1985.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Abdul Ajib Ahmad when winding up the debate said that, however, the new electoral boundaries could not be used for the coming state election.

This was because the Sarawak State Assembly was dissolved before the motion was passed by Parliament and gazetted, he said.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, in tabling the motion, said that the new electoral boundaries would pave the way for the people in the state to have more balanced and effective representation.

He said that in drawing up the new electoral boundaries the commission had done its best to ensure that the number of voters in each area was appropriate.

and state seats for Sarawak.

On the number of voters, he said the total for Sarawak according to the elec-

The commission had also to ensure that each election area was not too large to the extent of creating difficulties for the elected representatives, he said.

He also said that the tabling of the motion was not linked to the current political development in Sarawak as it had been scheduled for presentation in Parliament long before the current situation in the state developed.

He said the fact that the motion was tabled at a time when the political developments took place was merely coincidental.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said the delimitation exercise was to fulfill the requirements of the federal constitution which stipulated that a revision be carried out once every eight years.

It was also done because of the rapid socio-economic development and the increase in the population and number of voters in the past 10 years, he added.

The Prime Minister said the Sarawak State Assembly had amended Article 19(2) of the State Constitution on May 18, 1985, to coordinate with the amendment approved by Parliament on the increase in the number of Parliamentary

total roll confirmed in January last year was 607,232.

This was an increase of 47.14 percent over that of 1977 when there were 412,676 voters.

According to the report, there was an average of 22,490 voters in each parliamentary constituency and 10,843 in state constituency.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said the commission had difficulty in having similar number of voters in each area because of geographical factors and the population distribution in the state.

This resulted in the number of voters in certain rural areas, especially the interior areas, to be lower than it should be, he said.

Seconding the motion, Land and Regional Development Minister Datuk Dr Sulaiman Daud said that the rapid development in Sarawak had increased the people's means of earning a livelihood.

However, at the same time, the channelling of the people's voice through their elected representatives should also be given emphasis, he said.

But, at present there was some difficulty for the people to see their elected representatives and vice versa because of the extensive area of their constituencies, he said.

On the current political

**1,607 polling centres for coming state elections**

**KUCHING, Tues.**— The chairman of the Election Commission, Tan Sri Haji Abdul Kadir Talib, said today 1,607 polling centres, most of them schools, would be opened in 415 polling districts for the forthcoming state election.

A total of 625,270 registered voters are eligible to vote in the election for which nominations will be on April 6 and polling on April 15 and 16.

Tomorrow, the commission will brief heads and representatives of government departments involved in the election to ensure its smooth conduct.

Meanwhile, Barisan Nasional candidate for the Lubok Antu Parliamentary by-election Jawah Gerang said today he would concentrate on issues involving racial unity in his campaign.

The former bank officer said his party PBDS would prove it was not a party practising racial politics as alleged by certain quarters.

This was a misconception as PBDS was formed not to stir up "Dayakism" but to fight for the politics of unity suitable for a multiracial country like Malaysia, he added.

Polling for the by-election has been staggered over April 3 and 4.—Bernama

situation in Sarawak, Datuk Dr Sulaiman said that those involved should bring up their grievances at their party's supreme councils or committees to be resolved.

He said the developments had affected the political stability that had been enjoyed by the people all this while and this was worrying them.

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# APRIL 15-16 POLLS

THE State Election will be held on April 15 and 16, the Election Commission announced in Kuala Lumpur today.

Nomination Day will be April 6, commission chairman Tan Sri Haji Abdul Kadir Talib said after chairing a meeting of the commission to determine the dates.

He said the election writ would be issued on March 25 and election notice the following day.

Tan Sri Kadir said that the electoral roll verified on March 15 this year and containing 625,270 voters would be used for the election.

The election involves 48 constituencies.

The election follows the dissolution of the State Legislative Assembly

on March 12—two years ahead of its normal five-year term.

The dissolution was prompted by the actions of a group of State Assemblymen calling themselves the "Bersatu" who failed to topple Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud.

Tan Sri Haji Abdul Kadir said the commission had studied various factors prevailing in Sarawak, including the security aspects as well as the ability of the commission to carry out the election within the stipulated period.

He said the choice of the dates was based on the need to give the people of Sarawak the earliest possible opportunity

to elect their representatives.

It was also based on the realisation that the Sarawak people's interests would be served in a constitutionally elected state.

He assured the people that the commission would ensure the election would be carried out properly and fairly.

He urged all parties concerned to give their full cooperation to the commission to ensure public order and peace prevailed for the people to burn out to exercise their voting right.

Tan Sri Haji Abdul Kadir also clarified that a political party could only use one symbol in an election.

The symbol to be used must be the one registered with the commission, he said when commenting on reports that a party had planned to use two symbols for its candidates in the upcoming state election, one for rural and another for urban constituencies.

He said candidates could either use the symbol of a party of their choice or one of the symbols registered with the commission for use by independent candidates.

He said those wishing to use the symbol of any party must get a letter of consent from the party concerned and this must be submitted together with their nomination papers.

# Security under control, say police

KUCHING, Thurs. — COMMISSIONER of Police Mohd Yassin today expressed confidence of a smooth State Election.

The police have not heard of any incident or adverse reports which may indicate impending disturbance or public order situation since the announcement of the nomination and voting dates for the coming State Election, he told a Press conference today.

"As of now, I do not see any cause for alarm and I would urge that the people carry on with their normal daily activities," he said.

Commissioner Yassin assured the public that the police would perform their duties in a most professional manner, and that they were fully geared and prepared for the coming election.

He further assured that the police would be strict and swift in dealing with cases or situations which might disturb public peace and security.

"Topmost in our mind will be law and order. We will not tolerate any elements from any quarters that may in any way affect this," he said.

He expressed his fullest confidence in the people of Sarawak and in particular, the voters.

The Commissioner of Police said that Sarawak had an outstanding record of racial harmony, peace and stability.

"We have had five general elections and



*THE Commissioner of Police (2nd from left) with his senior officers at the press conference.*

five by-elections. We have gone through all these, some more challenging than others, without any serious upward or unpleasant incidents," he said.

He expressed the hope and confidence that this would remain and all concerned would continue to give peace and harmony paramount consideration.

He said police's prime concern was to ensure a situation where all citizens would be able to exercise their rights to vote freely and smoothly without duress, fear or any sense of insecurity.

Commissioner Yassin said as announced by the Inspector-General of Police, help would be forthcoming from the federal headquarters in Kuala Lumpur.

As part and parcel of police effort to ensure peace and stability, there might be movements of personnel throughout the state, he said.

He called on the public not to be unduly alarmed.

"We have sufficient manpower and logistics for the urban as well as rural areas, the waterways and the hinterland," the Commission-

er of Police said.

He said all officers and men on the ground had been alerted to receive reports or information that might in any way affect the security of the state.

He asked the public to report to the police if there was reason to suspect that there were possibilities of any disturbances.

He assured that such reports would be kept in strict confidence.

He said he had the greatest respect for the voters in Sarawak.

# PERMAS registered



Tun Rahman holding up the Permas certificate to the applause of supporters.

**KUCHING** — Party Persatuan Rakyat Malaysia Sarawak (PERMAS) has been registered. Its slogan is "Maju".

The certificate of registration was brought back here this morning from Kuala Lumpur by former Yang di-Pertua Negeri, Tun Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Rahman Yakub, who is the co-ordinator of election of the Bersatu group.

He pointed out that it was a simple symbol — padi stalk and just the word "Maju Permas". It might be modified a little today.

On candidates to be fielded by the Bersatu group, Tun Rahman explained that it would be based on their suitability. The list would be issued in due course.

Tun Rahman handed over the Permas certificate to Datuk Salleh Jafaruddin.

Tun Rahman said the party would apply for the registration of its symbol today with the election commission office here.

He said the incumbents, at least most of them, would defend their seats.

He also said that Permas would contest as many seats as agreed with "our friends" and there was no real division really for the simple

reason that whether "we use our symbol or PBDS symbol or another symbol, we are one group."

Asked if there was a distribution of seats between Permas and PBDS, Tun Rahman replied: "There is no clear dividing line. The over-riding consideration is the best candidates for particular areas — the most suitable candidates. The suitability of candidates and the guiding principle is that the incumbents remain unless for some reasons or other we need to switch around a little."

Tun Rahman also said that Permas was not yet a member of Barisan Nasional. It intended to apply to

join the BN.

He said that he would be going to the ground but would however remain in Kuching mostly because of co-ordinating work.

He added: "After all most of the candidates are experienced ones except new ones. So the people on the ground know them as they have been representing them for years so we need only to explain to the people why this thing had happened and what we stand for."

Tun Rahman also emphasised that the battle was not against the government or against the BN — such.

"It is against a specific style of leadership of the Chief

Minister on the way he had been handling the problems of particular communities, particularly the Dayaks which gave rise to their dissatisfaction," he added.

Despite the early hours and heavy rain about 200 hundred people turned up at Kuching International Airport to meet Tun Rahman as he stepped out of the VVIP Room.

# Tajem hits back at 'puppet' slur

By GEORGE KANAVATHI

FORMER Deputy Chief Minister, Datuk Daniel Tajem, this week hit back at his critics, denying he was a puppet of Tun Haji Abul Rahman Yakub.

"I am no such thing, and if they say I am a Dayak racist I'm thankful that at least now people realise there is a community known as Dayak," he said.

Datuk Tajem, 51, deputy president of the Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak (PBDS) is a controversial figure in Sarawak politics.

He strongly defends his association with former Head of State and Chief Minister Tun Rahman in the state's on-going political crisis, triggered by the revolt of 32 Assemblymen against Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud.

"As an elder statesman, Tun Rahman is often consulted and I for one have to point out that he is more prepared to listen to someone else's arguments," he said.

Datuk Tajem claimed that he had been slighted and ignored by Datuk Taib.

"The PBDS was not founded to promote the self-interests of a few but as a medium to present the views of the Dayak community," he said.

"But whenever I raised issues involving the Dayak community I was branded a racist and even an extremist.

"It was, therefore, necessary that I relinquished my post to emphasise the Dayak views."

Datuk Tajem said it was time for the Dayaks to realise that in



● Datuk Tajem

order to be politically effective they had to support their leader — Datuk Leo Moggie, president of the PBDS.

"Much as we like to fool ourselves, things are not alright in Sarawak the state, and on March 7 when I received a call from Datuk Moggie I decided to go to Kuala Lumpur," he said.

"A course of action against Datuk Taib had already been decided by the time I got there, and as a member of the PBDS I decided to sink or swim with the party."

He stressed that the Dayaks were not alone in their wish to remove Datuk Taib.

The group opposed to the Chief Minister was multi-racial in composition as a result of "a convergence of dissatisfaction" against Datuk Taib's administration.



Datuk Moggie gets a rousing Baran welcome from supporters last weekend.

Datuk Tajem is State Assemblyman for Lingga and MP for Batang Lupar — a seat he won last year.

He is also one of the founders of the PBDS, which was formed after he was expelled from the Sarawak National Party (SNAP) in 1983, for supporting an independent candidate in the Batang Lupar parliamentary election in 1982.

His expulsion led to an exodus of Tajem loyalists from SNAP to form the PBDS.

"I realise that my political career may be at a crossroads, and I may be shown the exit.

"But if this election ends up being my last hurrah, I will not regret a thing.

## These leaders were given key posts by CM to assist Dayak community but ... :Jinggut

# PBDS chiefs to blame: MP

### KUCHING, SUN

Dayak leaders, especially those from the Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak (PBDS), have themselves to blame for not striving hard enough to make the community progressive, Acting Secretary-General of the Sarawak National Party (SNAP) Justine Jinggut said today.

"They should not point the accusing finger at the state government, particularly the Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud if they feel that the community is still backward," he told newsmen.

Expressing regret over the recent move by a number of Dayak leaders especially those from the PBDS to remove Datuk Patinggi Taib as the Chief Minister Encik Jinggut said the group failed to pinpoint what exactly the Chief Minister did to justify their action.

"They have not proved anything against Datuk Patinggi Taib only to say that they were against his style of leadership," Encik Jinggut said, adding that he was willing to debate with any of the Dayak leaders in the "rebel" group who could substantiate his claim that Datuk Patinggi Abdul Taib had not helped the Dayaks.

He said that some leaders in the PBDS had been given key posts in the state government by the Chief Minister which showed that Datuk Patinggi Abdul Taib wanted the Dayak leaders to assist the community in a more effective manner.

"However, these leaders had failed to carry out their task and what is more regrettable is that they in turn tried to blame the Chief Minister," he added.

Encik Jinggut, Member of Parliament for Ulu Rajang, is also a founder member of the PBDS but left the party last year after a disagreement with its leaders.

He wondered how the PBDS leaders could have made a "360 degree turn" in trying to topple the Chief Minister when they had pledged their full support to him in 1985.

At that time, he said, a group of MPs and State Assemblymen from Sarawak were asked at a special meeting whether they still had confidence in Datuk Patinggi Abdul Taib as Chief Minister following an attempt by a small group of the Chief Minister's detractors to discredit him.

"During that meeting, chaired by Deputy Chief Minister Tan Sri Sim Kheng Hong, all those present were asked whether they supported Datuk Patinggi Taib or not and all present signed a pledge to back him."

"The Dayak leaders present who were not happy with the Chief Minister's so-called style of leadership had the best opportunity then to express their stand and not sign the pledge but this was not done," Encik Jinggut said.

He said the state government's policy of bringing development fairly to all races should be supported without question because "we are living in a multi-racial society."

"There certainly isn't any room for communal extremism," he added.

Meanwhile, SNAP Youth Leader Dr Patau Rubis clarified that the term "Dayakism" coined by certain newspapers should not be taken to mean that all Dayaks in the state were extreme.

"We, in the Bidayah community abhor such feelings because it will not be beneficial to the state," he said.

He pointed out that the term "Dayakism" was only associated with some Iban leaders.— Bernama

# PBDS V-P quits and exposes all



Mr Joseph Mamat Samuel...exposed inside stories of KL-scheme.

**KUCHING, Thurs.—** The Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak (PBDS) was dealt a severe blow today when its founder and senior vice-president, Mr Joseph Mamat Samuel, announced his resignation from the party he helped form three years ago.

Mr Mamat, who was the party secretary-general until its first triennial general assembly (TGA) last month, said his resignation took immediate effect. His resignation letter would be drafted today and sent to party president, Datuk Leo Moggie.

He said he had not decided at this moment to join any party nor to contest in the coming election.

Joining the ex-assemblyman in quitting the PBDS included Mr Mamat's wife, Valerie Menvi, the party's wanita central treasurer since the movement's formation.

Their resignations came on their 29th wedding anniversary today.

Mr Neilson Kundai, a former Minister of Youth and Sports and PBDS coordinator for Serian, also announced withdrawing his support from the PBDS.

Mr Mamat, who described his quitting from PBDS as the 'saddest' day in his 26 years' political career, said he resigned because he did not want the PBDS to be made use of by a former State leader in his aspiration to return to power in this election.

He added: "I initiated the PBDS so as to make sure that the young Dayak intellectuals and leaders have their own party to voice the Dayaks' aspirations and to

highlight the problems of their community. But the very boat that I used to make has now been made use of by Tun Rahman to achieve his own ambitions."

Mr Mamat said he did not want to see the Dayaks to be distanced from the Barisan Nasional.

"Although Datuk Leo Moggie has said that the PBDS is still in the Barisan Nasional as the party is contesting the Lubok Antu parliamentary by-election using the Barisan symbol, it is clear that the party is fighting against the Barisan at the State level.

"By going against the Barisan Nasional, the Dayaks, who seem to follow PBDS, are distancing themselves from the Barisan," he said.

Mr Mamat said at this moment of Dayaks' political, social and economic developments, "we could not afford to be divorced from the Barisan."

He said the aims of the PBDS were purely to ensure the well-being of the Dayak community in participating meaningfully in the political activities and to be respected by other communities.

"It is irreconcilable to me and it's not logical for PBDS to say that it is in the

Barisan on one hand but, on the other hand, fighting against it," he added.

(Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib has earlier declared PBDS as having "dropped itself out" from the Barisan Nasional in its attempt with other dissident assemblies to oust him and the State Barisan.)

"If you want to remove the Chief Minister, remove him in a democratic way. But I won't tolerate the removal of the Barisan Nasional from Sarawak just because you want to remove Datuk Patinggi as BN State chairman."

Mr Mamat said moreover he and the Dayaks could not agree with the PBDS for it to allow Permas candidates to contest in Dayak dominated seats using PBDS symbol in the coming elections.

"Although these Permas candidates are Dayaks, they are still Permas men and not PBDS," he added.

He said he had learnt that his senior officials of Permas had been allowed to contest in Dayak predominated constituencies using the PBDS symbol in the polls.

"I know for sure when Bersatu was formed (by dissident assemblies) in PBB, SUPP and SNAP with PBDS) in Kuala Lumpur's Ming Court, it was agreed that all Dayak dominated areas must be contested by Dayak candidates and that PBDS should recommend these candidates. But a few days later, Permas was reg-

istered, and now Permas senior officials are to contest in these seats," he added.

Mr Mamat said he was sidelined by his colleagues in the PBDS after the 1983 general elections when he was disqualified as its candidate for Tatau on technical grounds.

"The situation got worse when I expressed my view that PBDS must stay neutral and not to take side in the uncle-nephew (Pahman-Taib) quarrel, and should support Datuk Patinggi Taib as the Chief Minister as long as PBDS is in the Barisan Nasional.

"Because of this differing views, they (PBDS leaders) are not happy with me and are sidelining me in the

party," he pointed out.

Mr Mamat said he saw no future for him to continue to remain in PBDS as the party "had obviously removed me as secretary-general in the recent TGA and not allowing me to contest in this election."

He said the party did not want him to contest in the coming polls because "if I am elected, I will speak out for the Dayaks in the Dewan Undangan Negeri and tell them of the scheme to get one man back to power."

Mr Mamat was also the former deputy secretary-general of SNAP before its Dayak group led by Deputy Chief Minister, Datuk Daniel Tajem, broke away to form the PBDS.

## Rahman financed PBDS in '83 polls: Mamat

**KUCHING, Fri.—** Parti bansa Dayak Sarawak (PBDS), according to its former senior vice-president, Mr Joseph Mamat Samuel, today, was given \$2 million by former Head of State and Chief Minister, Tun Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Rahman Ya'kub, in the 1983 State general elections to finance its campaign.

"I knew for sure of the election fund from Tun Rahman in the last polls because I was then the PBDS secretary-general," said Mr Mamat.

The PBDS was formed just before the 1983 elections by the breakaway group from SNAP. The two parties then contested against each other using their own party symbols in the polls.

Mr Mamat said he did not know how much election fund Tun Rahman would give to PBDS in this election but expected it to be substantial.

He agreed that because PBDS then benefited from Tun Rahman's contribution to its election fund, the party was, therefore, indebted to the former Chief Minister, who is now leading the Kumpulan Maju.

Kumpulan Maju comprises Permas, the newly registered political party, and PBDS.

# Samuel's resignation expected — PBDS

**KUCHING** — The resignation of Encik Joseph Mamat Samuel from PBDS has been expected and has come as no surprise at all to members of the party.

"Indeed his exist from the party is a great relief and immense blessing for the future growth of the party," a statement from PBDS headquarters said yesterday.

It said that Encik Joseph Samuel might have been a genuine member of PBDS, but the way he always manipulated events to emplace his personal interests above all else had been the source of embarrassment and liability to PBDS.

"It tears are shed for the departure of Encik Samuel, they were actually tears of relief and joy," the statement said.

The statement said: "Encik Samuel knows the real reason for his resignation. He is disappointed when not nominated as a candidate for Tatau when where he was disqualified in the 1983 general election for wrongly filling his nomination papers.

"Although PBDS does not like to wash dirty linen in public, it is appropriate to mention that Samuel is in a desperate financial position, the extent of which makes his candidacy highly objectionable.

"In this respect we leave it to the public to judge who is selling oneself," the statement said.

It said: "We are sorry to see that he had been turned into a propaganda tool by a desperate group of people bent on destroying PBDS and the Maju group."

"Encik Samuel also knows that he was one of the persons who strongly advocated for a change in Taib's leadership. His sudden change in political alignment thus betrays a desperate man void of any principle.

The Miri PBDS Youth branch said Mr Joseph Samuel is a person 'who cannot be trusted'."

A spokesman for the Youth branch said it was recalled that in the 1983 state elections, he, being a veteran of many general elections and secretary-general, was disqualified of all people.

"Can such a person be trusted not to do it again when he is better suited

now than before to betray the party?" the spokesman asked.

Therefore, the spokesman said, the party leaders made the right decision in not nominating him for the Tatau seat in the election.

The Youth branch also accused Mr Joseph Samuel of stopping so low in condemning the party he once founded and whose leaders he once endorsed.

"He should declare that his position as senior vice president was a gift to save his face and out of consideration for him to redeem whatever dignity he still has," the spokesman said.

He said the fact that the post of secretary-general of which he (Mr Samuel was the incumbent, was almost contested at the recent triennial delegates' conference (TDC) clearly indicated his poor performance and minimal contribution to the party.

I respect his decision — Moggie

**SIBU** — Datuk Leo Moggie said here yesterday that he respected the decision of PBDS senior vice president Joseph Mamat Samuel to resign from the party.

"I respect Mr Joseph Samuel's desire to quit the party just as we respect freedom of choice in party membership," he remarked in response to the resignation report.

"The real reason why he resigned is best known to Joseph Samuel himself and to other PBDS leaders," Datuk Moggie said.

The PBDS President stated that we would not stoop that low to publicise those reasons.

"Whatever political differences Joseph Samuel may have with PBDS or with me, I harbour no ill feelings against him, I still consider him as a personal friend," Datuk Moggie said.

Announcing his resignation at a press conference in Kuching Thursday, Mr Joseph Samuel cited loss of confidence in the PBDS top leadership as one reason for quitting the party. He also said that "PBDS is heading towards the wrong di-



**Datuk Moggie**

rection" by teaming up with Kumpulan Maju.

According to Datuk Moggie, Mr Joseph Samuel had also agreed with the party's decision regarding the no confidence vote against the Chief Minister.

"In fact, he was one of those leaders who had advocated the move in the beginning," Datuk Moggie said.

On Mr Joseph Samuel's allegation that he (Datuk Moggie) was a dictator in the party, the PBDS chief said that decisions in the party are made collectively.

"Perhaps my only fault is that I am not afraid to make decisions," Datuk Moggie added.

## These licences need not contribute

KUCHING, Sat.—The Ministry of Resource Planning has clarified that timber licences, whose licences have not been revoked, need not contribute to the newly-formed Religious and Welfare Fund and the Sports Fund.

Both funds will be financed from licences recently revoked by the State Government, the Ministry said in a statement issued today.

The Chief Minister, Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud, announced the formation of the funds at the laying of the foundation

stone of the Bintulu mosque last Tuesday.

The Ministry also assured that proceeds from shares held by BINA in forest concessions, which had also been revoked by the government, would be preserved.

The proceeds would be paid by STIDC through Majlis Islam Sarawak to the "innocent party" in the organisation, the statement said.

This new arrangement was necessary to ensure that proceeds from the shares would be

spent for the legitimate purposes, the Ministry added.

Contractors to the forest licences that had been revoked were also reminded to retain all their workers.

In this respect, a worker who had been dismissed should therefore bring the matter to the attention of the Forest Department, the Ministry pointed out.

"This is to avoid any victimisation by the former licencees," the Ministry added.

# Main goal to develop S'wak for all rakyat and not a few individuals, says Taib

## Harmony vital for further progress: CM

Sarawak can only continue to progress provided the current unity, harmony and solidarity among its multi-racial society is sustained, the Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud stressed today.

He said it was for these reasons that he had been very patient and prudent in trying to settle any differences among the component parties of the Barisan Nasional.

He added that the government was aware that it had been given the mandate so that the people's hope and aspiration for continued progress and stability could be realised.

Thus, he said, the main goal of his government had been to develop Sarawak for all the rakyat and not just for a few individuals.

He said he was proud that the State Government under his leadership had proven its ability to bring progress for all the communities.

More importantly, he added, it had brought more people, especially the rural populace, into the mainstream of development instead of boasting on projects which were merely "prestigious and for

### MARUDI, Sat.—

show" only, as was the case with the previous administration.

Datuk Patinggi Abdul Taib stressed that development would not be achieved around personality cults nor through racialistic support.

He said development goals could only be achieved through the unified desire of all the communities to pool their resources and participate in nation-building.

He questioned the motives of certain so-called leaders who claimed to be the champions of the Dayak and yet opposed to the government's plan to develop big agricultural project for the community's benefit.

He said such contradictory attitude was beyond logic and unbecoming of those who inspired to run the government.

He was said that the Opposition had now shifted its attention and criticisms on the LCDA, which had been set up as perhaps the only means by which the rural populace could ever hope to achieve meaningful development.

He believed the politician in question was fearful of his popularity as the success of LCDA would deprive him of political capital to speculate with in times of need as was at present.

But, the Chief Minister said, he was confident that the people could differentiate between sincere politicians and the selfish ones.

The Minister with Special Functions in the Chief Minister's Office, Datuk Celestine Ujang, who also spoke, reiterated the need for the Dayak to support the Barisan Nasional Government.

He said as an economically under-developed and rural-based community, they still needed various forms of assistance which only the BN Government could deliver.

He said the Opposition would have no capability nor the means to deliver the goods that the rakyat were expecting.

A Member of the Dewan Negara, Senator Timothy Wan Uliok, and Member of Parliament, Datuk Peter Tinggom, spoke in support of the Chief Minister's leadership.

Earlier on arrival at the airport, the Chief Minister, who was accompanied by his wife, Datin Patinggi Hajjah Laila, was accorded a rousing welcome by about 2,000 people.

The Iban and Orang Ulu cultural troupes, a hadrah band, and a lion dance group were in attendance.

# Withdrawal of timber and business licences Unwise move, says Masing

KUCHING — Sarawak's economy will be adversely affected, if politicians can, at their whims and fancies, revoke timber licences and contracts, if businessmen do not share their political beliefs at that particular time, warned Dr. James Masing, the Publicity Chief of Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak.

He said that there had been reports of timber and business licences being revoked because of differences in political beliefs and stand.

In a statement, Dr. Masing said: "The revocation or withdrawal of these licences is an encroachment of politics into economics. Political interference into what is basically a business consideration is unwise.

"If politicians can, at their whims and fancies, revoke licences and contracts because the latter do not share their political beliefs at that particular time, then the economy of the State will be adversely affected.

"Investors will shy away from Sarawak if politicians can over-ride economic decisions," he said.

Dr. James urged therefore political beliefs must not interfere with economic decisions and considerations.

"There must be a clear division between politics and business if we want to have economic stability in the State," the former Council Negeri Member for Balleh pointed out.

## ONUS ON SUPP

Dr. Masing also urged SUPP and PBB leaders not to paint PBDS as a party which practises racialism.

"We may be a communal based party, but we believe in meaningful power sharing. To prove our sincerity to share power with others we will put and support David Tiong in Igan which is predominantly Iban area.

"How many, if I may ask, Dayak candidates being put up by SUPP in predominantly Chinese constituencies?

"There is none, and therefore, the onus is on SUPP and not on PBDS to prove that SUPP are not



Dr James Masing

playing with racial sentiments and political epotism," he said.

He warned that SUPP leaders should not accuse PBDS of racialism in order to frighten the Chinese voters to rally behind them.

"Such tactics will breed suspicion and hatred among racial groups in Sawarak," he said.

## PERSONAL ATTACKS

On character assassination, DR James said that there had been a lot of campaign speeches based on personal attacks and character assassination over RTM especially in the Iban Section.

"I suggest that candidates and ministers in the caretaker government should refrain from criticising the characters and personality of their political opponents as this has caused a lot of ill-feelings among the people in the rural areas.

"If a candidate has to resort to character assassination in order to get votes, then he should get out of politics. There is no room for petty politicians in Sarawak," Dr. Masing said.

Referring to Joseph Samuel's allegation, he said: "Gramong Juna, Dr. Jawie Masing, Joseph Kudi and myself did not refuse to sign the letter of no confidence in Datuk Taib's leadership.

"It is sad to see a person of Joseph Samuel's experience has to compromise his conscience, principles and friends in order to survive.

"Nevertheless, I wish him well in his new 'profession'," Dr. Masing said.

# Stop this dangerous campaign — Chong

KUCHING — DAP Sarawak State chairman Chong Siew Chiang yesterday condemned certain SUPP leaders for endeavouring to breed polarisation along racial lines by leading the Chinese in Sarawak into disaster.

In a statement, he said it was unwise and indeed dangerous for certain SUPP leaders to portray Dayaks as racials, to create suspicion and fear in the minds of the Chinese, to breed ill-feelings among racial groups in Sarawak.

"It is an irresponsible act calculating to attain personal gain and lust and jeopardising the welfare and interest of the Chinese community in Sarawak," he said.

"We have to acknowledge that Dayaks, having the largest population in the state, have been neglected for too long and have been denied their rightful share in the wealth of the state.

"It is only natural and normal for them, following the Kadazan race in Sabah, to be united to seek for a drastic reform and to strive for a fair and just treatment. For certain SUPP leaders contemplating to mobilize the Chinese to sup-

press such a move is not only unfair but also despicable and mean," he pointed out.

In the elections this month, whichever party wins, whether Datuk Taib or Tun Rahman is to be the Chief Minister, Mr Chong said, "it is going to be Barisan Nasional victory and the policies implemented will be the Barisan Nasional policies."

Therefore, he said there was no just cause for certain SUPP leaders to attempt to create fear and suspicion in the Chinese society by maliciously and falsely alleging that "if Dayaks win, Chinese will suffer."

"Why are the SUPP leaders so jealous over the Dayaks' unity?", he asked.

He further asked how was SUPP so sure that Datuk Taib could defeat PBDS and the Maju Group, especially where there are 25 Dayak seats, 15 Malay seats and 7 Chinese seats and one seat comprising 50 per cent Chinese and 50 per cent non-Chinese.

"Let us not forget that it was the SUPP's misdeed that the Chinese villagers in Sarawak lived in a state of chaos, confusion and disorder in the '60s when many of SUPP members went into

the jungle and took up arm struggle. Many lost their lives and their families broken. The village people then lived in fear, pain and grief," he said.

The Dayaks and the Chinese had been living together peacefully for nearly a century, and he hoped that the SUPP leaders would stop such a dangerous campaign forthwith.



Mr Chong

## Unite under DAP, Chinese told

KUCHING — The Sarawak Chinese have been urged to be united under the DAP to enable them to have better bargaining position because the "Rocket" is a principled movement committed towards democracy and better Government.

Speaking at a meet-the-people session at Tabuan Jaya on Monday night, the Bandar Kuching Member of Parliament, Mr. Sim Kwang Yang said: "What DAP can offer in this coming election is to balance the resurgence of Dayakism so as to build a basis for the peaceful co-existence and cooperation of the Dayaks, Chinese and Malays".

He said that the other contribution that the DAP could offer is to console the political strength of the Chinese community and to effect their political awakening.



Mr Sim Kwang Yang

"We hope that with the people united under the banner of the Rocket, the Chinese will hold the trump card in the balance of power," said Mr. Sim, who is also DAP's candidate for Stampin, challenging Tan Sri Amar Sim of the SUPP.

### QUALITY

Mr. S. n said that the people need leaders of quality to welcome the 90s and open up political options in Sarawak.

He assured the Chinese community that DAP can provide that quality of leadership.

He said: "There is no need to leap blind-folded with the SUPP into the whirlpool."

Earlier Mr Sim clarified that DAP had not formed any pact with Permas in the coming election.

"DAP and I have absolutely nothing to do with the political rebellion that has rocked Sarawak.

"We are not forming any pact nor cooperating with any party," said Mr. Sim adding: "Tan Sri Amar Sim's allegation that I am Tun Rahman's 'frontier soldier' is baseless, irresponsible and unfounded.

"DAP and I will only be the frontier soldier of the people. We will never be the frontier soldier of any political leader," Mr Sim emphasised.

# TUN:GO FOR IT WHILE YOU STILL CAN

KUCHING — PERMAS President Tun Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Rahman Yakub yesterday called on voters in the state to take advantage of the current "brief but golden opportunity" to obtain grants and minor projects from the state government.

The minority government headed by Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud was presently going throughout the length and breadth of the state to woo voter support, Tun Abdul Rahman said. "And one of their tactics is to make on-the-spot grants to communities, religious bodies and others in the hope that by so doing they would be able to induce the voters to support them," he said.

"It is not very often that any government is as generous as this," Tun Abdul Rahman said adding, "and I would therefore urge all Sarawakians, be they in the rural or urban areas, to take advantage of this brief but golden opportunity to obtain approval of grants or other projects while the going is good."

"The Chief Minister has \$1 billion of the people's money in the banks and he appears ready to spend as much of this money as necessary during the period leading up to the elections. I would therefore urge the

people to seek immediate grants from the government for all the projects they have long been wishing for — road and bridge repairs, roofing materials, generators or whatever it is you desire."

"Associations, religious bodies and others who have applied in vain for assistance to the government is spending for all of you to pay taxes in one way or another and our oil and gas reserves belong to all the people. You should not therefore be shy to seek assistance from the government. The money does not belong to Abdul Taib nor does it belong to the present minority government," he said.

"You should also remember that in accepting grants or projects from the government you are not obligating yourselves to support Abdul Taib and his group in any way. It is the responsibility of every government to help the people and it is your right to expect such help," he added.

"Finally, I would urge you to insist that all promises made be fulfilled before polling day for it is not expected that the present government will be in any position to fulfil any outstanding promises after that date."

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## *Election largesse in the form of development projects*

BETONG — A Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak leader has questioned the motive of the "minority" government of Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud in approving a number of development projects just before the State election.

Datuk Edmund Langu, PBDS secretary general and former State Assemblyman for Krian, said that the people used to hear that the State had no money.

It was so difficult for a Council Negeri Member



DATUK LANGGU

to ask money for a development project from the State government during normal times, he said.

"Now you need not ask for any project, they will give away freely," he said.

"The State government has a lot of money but why was it not used until the election," he asked.

Datuk Langu was speaking at the opening of the Betong branch of PBDS on Sunday.

Datuk Leo Moggie, PBDS President, performed the opening ceremony.

More than 1,500 people from Layar, Paku and Padih packed the theatre, despite attempts by certain quarters to pre-

vent them from attending the function.

In the meantime, Datuk Alfred Jabu, the former Council Negeri Member for Layar, was reported to be nearby monitoring the "situation".

It is learnt that "he became quite jittery" about the response to the PBDS gathering.

It is also understood that PBDS introduced a candidate to the people who is expected to give Datuk Jabu a "good fight" in the coming election.

# ALL 4 UNDER

# BN PBDS in quandary as Supreme Council makes stand



Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad

ALL four component parties in the Sarawak Barisan Nasional will be using the BN's 'dancing' symbol in the coming state elections, the coalition's Supreme Council decided today, throwing rebel Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak into a quandary over their "fate" from this point onward.

The Prime Minister told reporters this here after chairing the BN Supreme Council meeting at Umno headquarters this evening.

The 48-member State Assembly was announced dissolved on March 12 to pave the way for State Election called by Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud following an attempt by a group of dissident BN State Assemblymen to topple him.

Nominations will be on April 6 and polling, on April 15 and 16.

The pre-dissolution state

of the parties in the Assembly namely Party Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu (PBB) 16 seats, Sarawak United People's Party (Supp) 12, Sarawak National Party (Snap) seven and Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak (PBDS) eight.

The rest are Independent State Assemblymen.

In the last state election in December 1983, PBB was allocated 20 seats to contest and Supp 12 with the balance contested between Snap and PBDS.

PBDS which was a break-away faction of Snap was not in the BN at that time.

The decision basically means that Barisan with its astounding majority seats would be contesting under the same symbol regardless of which component party was represented, directly indicating that state BN chairman Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud would continue to lead Sarawak if the coalition wins the election with the National BN's blessings all the way.

PBDS which was reported to have been banking on the Supreme Council meeting deciding on a "free for all" fight with the four parties us-

ing their respective symbols suffered its most severe blow with this decision, which would mean that a good majority of runaway Assemblymen from fellow Barisan parties would have nowhere to turn to as they had been dropped by their respective parties.

This would also put the alliance between PBDS and the newly registered Parti Persatuan Masyarakat Sarawak (Permas) led by former Yang Di Pertua Negeri Tun Rahman hanging in limbo.

Sources close to PBDS told *The People's Mirror* in Kuching that the decision by the Council was very embarrassing to the party and that they would be holding an emergency meeting in Kuching tonight to decide its next move.

The sources said that "to save face" and to protect its alliance with Permas the party would have no alternative but to opt itself out of the coalition.

But there again the sources said, tables could change at the eleventh hours depending on "which way the winds blows."

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said the meeting did not dis-

cuss the report that PBDS would cooperate with the newly-formed Persatuan Rakyat Malaysia Sarawak (Permas) opposing Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib.

This was not discussed because the meeting focused on only BN's preparations in facing the Sarawak State Election, he said.

He said any objection in relation to the matter could be brought up at the next meeting.

Asked the action to be taken if PBDS fielded Independent candidates against BN candidates, he said he did not want to think about something that had not happened.

However, if this took place, it would be discussed after the election.

Queried whether Sarawak BN chairman and PBB president Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib had submitted a motion for PBDS's expulsion from BN, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said no such resolution was brought up.

The meeting only heard information on the matter from all quarters involved.

He said the representatives of the four Sarawak

BN component parties left the room when the meeting discussed the question of seat distribution and use of the symbol.

On the BN manifesto for the State Election, the Prime Minister said the four would use the same manifesto.

He believed BN would win the election and be returned to power in the state.

Asked whether the meeting lasting nearly two-and-a-half hours discussed other topics, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said it gave all those present the opportunity to raise any point.

The meeting ensured decisions were made with great care and no one was therefore prevented from speaking, he said.

On the anticipated contesting off all posts in the Umno Supreme Council elections at the party general assembly later this month, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir who is Umno president said his was normal in a country practising democracy.

The meeting which started at 4pm was attended by representatives of BN component parties including Datuk Leo Moggie (PBDS), Datuk Dr Ling Long Sik (MCA), Datuk S Samy Vellu (MIC), Datuk Dr Lim Kheng Yauk (Gerakan), Mr Kasitan Gadim, Datuk Amar Stephen Yong (Supp) and Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud (PBB).

# Uphold racial unity, urges Kheng Hong

KUCHING, Sat. — THE Chinese community should show the same spirit of unity and cooperation in the political field as they had done in the promotion of Chinese education, Deputy Chief Minister Tan Sri Sim Kheng Hong said today.

Politics can be regarded to be the basis for the development of culture, education and progress, he said.

Tan Sri Sim who is Treasurer General of Sarawak United People's Party (Supp) was speaking at the laying of the foundation stone for the indoor stadium-cum-indoor sports field and the official opening of the new classrooms in Chung Hua Middle School No. 1.

Referring to countries where there was no Chinese political strength in the government he said the Chinese language could only be conducted secretly.

"Only when one realises this fact, could our political strength in the government be of paramount importance to each and everyone of us," he said.

In the coming state general election, the Chinese must not hesitate to make up their mind to give full support to the State Barisan Government led by Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud, advised Tan Sri Sim who is also the State Minister for Finance.

He said the Sarawak United People's Party (Supp) firmly believed in the Chief Minister practising an open and moderate policy that was beneficial and fair to all races.

The Deputy Chief Minister said the victory for the State Barisan Nasional government in the coming election would ensure the maintenance of political stability, peace and order in the society.

The country should not be destroyed by racial extremism, he said.

Tan Sri Sim said that there should be mutual understanding and respect among the various races in a multi racial society like Malaysia.

"We should show our concern in the need of the Iban community in wanting Iban to be taught as a second language," he said.

He praised the role played by Chung Hua Middle Schools in contributing toward education by eradicating illiteracy and raising the quality of citizens in the nation.

The other two Chung Hua Middle Schools (Nos 3 and 4) should not be neglected, he said.

The three middle schools are supervised by the Chung Hua Middle Schools Management Board under the chairmanship of Tan Sri Wee Bong Ping.

"I think the Chinese defendants should be proud of their achievement in the educational field in spite of the many problems encountered

due to financial constraints," he said.

He extended congratulations to the board chairman and donors in their consolidated efforts to raise the foundation funds for the middle schools.

The untiring efforts and hard work of the teachers

concerned should not be forgotten as well, he said.

Tan Sri Sim appealed to all Chinese businessmen for their spontaneous support.

The state government grant of \$300,000 toward the construction cost of the indoor stadium-cum-outdoor sports field was

later handed over by the Deputy Chief Minister to the school's management board.

Let us work hand-in-hand to strive for a *masyarakat adil*, Tan Sri Sim said.

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## STEPHEN YONG HITS AT RAHMAN'S STYLE OF LEADERSHIP

KUCHING, Sun. — THE Sarawak United People's Party (Supp) could never accept the practice of favouritism and nepotism as preached by the former Yang di-Pertua Negeri Tun Rahman Yakub, Minister for Science, Technology and Environment Datuk Amar Stephen Yong said at the gathering at Supp Headquarters tonight.

When Tun Rahman was Sarawak's Chief Minister in the 1970s, he tended to provide benefits only to a certain group of his supporters, he said.

Datuk Amar Yong told the 5,000-odd crowd at Supp Mobilisation Meeting that the style of government under Tun Rahman was dictatorial.

He said that certain

policies implemented by the former governor who is now the president of Permas were not in accordance with the spirit of the Barisan Nasional government, and the constitution of the country.

In the 1970s the Supp, like other parties could not secure the majority seat in the state election, formed a coalition government with PBB which was then led by Tun Rahman.

Datuk Amar Yong said the coalition government was formed on condition that there would be fair treatment to all races, and, any major problem or issue that arise would be settle amicably among the parties within the government.

By then, the Supp spent lots of effort and energy to tackle the insurgency problem of the communist terrorists in Sarawak. The Supp finally succeeded in persuading them to surrender and return to the society, henceforth bringing political stability to Sarawak.

Datuk Amar Yong said however, in 1974, the attitude of Tun Rahman suddenly changed.

He said Tun Rahman, had in many occasions implemented certain policies without due discussion with other member of the coalition government. Neither Tun Rahman showed any respect nor heed suggestions and proposal brought up by the Supp.

Datuk Amar Yong, who is also the President of Supp, said the party then expressed its discontentment of Tun Rahman's leadership to Tun Hussein Ong who was then the Prime Minister on three occasion. Supp also furnished the Prime Minister with evidences to substantiate their unhappiness with Tun Rahman.

He said Tun Rahman then came under pressure from the federal government urging him to change his way and attitude.

He urged the people not to let their future to be laid in the hands of political parties which are power crazy

# Blessing in disguise for BN, says Taib

KOTA SAMAHARAN, Mon. — THE defeat of the 27 State Assemblmen to the "rebel" camp is a blessing for Barisan Nasional which has now replaced the veterans with young and dynamic leaders who can service the aspirations of the rakyat, Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud said here today.

The Chief Minister was speaking to reporters after filing his nomination papers to defend his N7 Sebandi seat in the State Election to be held over two days on April 15-16.

He said BN now was experiencing an infusion

of young and calibred blood, who would be instrumental in leading the state toward a new "frontier."

Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib said the defection by the Assemblmen conered was a blessing in disguise as BN was fielding a lot of new faces while Permas, a new party, plagued with old faces and not in tune with the need for changes.

He said in the case of BN, the second echelon leaders had now given way for the third echelon leaders who would be able to carry out the aspirations of the rakyat with concrete plans and to systematic approach.

He was pleased with the BN line-up for the

elections as it was now filled with professionals and calibred young leaders.

The Chief Minister said in the case of the opposition leaders, in particular Permas, it was filled with dissidents who had ignored the generation change for their own benefit.

Stating that the former Yang Di-Pertua Negeri, was more involved in a personal fight than anything else, the Chief Minister said a large majority of the rakyat have opted strongly in favour of his (the Chief Minister's) leadership style.

Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib said Tun Rahman was merely aiming for sympathy

votes, as the rakyat could clearly gauge his track record in deciding the kind of leadership they wanted.

Asked to comment on the leadership tussle within the opposition camp with both Tun Rahman and Datuk Daniel Tajem wanting to be Chief Minister, Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib said then there would be two exiled Chief Ministers.

The Chief Minister said in the past leadership there was no systematic change for growth, and that he had taken upon himself, to improve the agricultural sector with the opening up of more land.

Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud said the "Davakism"

promoted by Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak (PBDS) now was a pale shadow compared to that in 1974, and that he had taken various measures to pull the Iban community out of their quandary.

The Chief Minister said BN with a strong and committed teamwork, was expected to achieve the "36 seats" as predicted.



THE Chief Minister in Kota Samarahan yesterday

# Kumpulan Maju manifesto **A government for the people**

KUCHING (Bernama) — "Kumpulan Maju" — the main opposition in the April 15-16 Sarawak state election — made public its manifesto yesterday, asking to be voted into power to bring about what it termed as "politik rakyat — a government for the people, not a government for the leaders."

The group, comprising the newly registered Persatuan Rakyat Malaysia Sarawak (Permas) and Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak (PBDS) which has decided to go it alone and not contest under the BN banner in the election, made known its stand on 10 matters including development, land policy, housing, education, the civil service and federal-state relations.

The manifesto, published in the centrespread of the local "Sarawak Tribune" newspaper said Permas — led by former Yang Dipertua Negeri Tun Haji Abdul Rahman Yakub — and PBDS were working together in the election to end "political instability" which the group claimed had resulted from misuse.

It alleged, among other things, that the government of Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud had diverted development away from what the people wanted and needed and instead concentrated on prestige projects.

It also claimed the government had disturbed the traditional racial harmony in the state by interfering in native land rights.

## **MAXIMUM BENEFIT**

The manifesto promised the people "Kumpulan Maju" would ensure development programmes were designed to provide maximum benefit for all. It said efforts would be made to provide land for genuinely landless farmers, and obtain fair prices for agricultural produce.

On housing, the manifesto pledged to speed up the building of low-cost houses and take steps to resolve what it claimed was the growing squatter problem.

The group pledged to fight for a full-fledged university in Sarawak, to preserve vernacular schools and provide more opportunities for Sarawak students to enter institutions of higher learning.

It also pledged to ensure "genuine neutrality" of the civil service with no favouritism or nepotism.

"Kumpulan Maju" pledged to maintain close cooperation with the Federal Government and support efforts towards greater national integration without jeopardising any of the rights of Sarawak and its people.

Permas and PBDS are together contesting 42 of the 48 seats in the election.

# **PBDS: Taib victimises our party**

KUCHING — Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak was formed to serve the rakyat and its loyalty is to the rakyat, a statement from the PBDS Headquarters issued yesterday said.

"We are not set up for the purpose of glorifying an individual be he the Chief Minister," the statement said.

It accused the Chief Minister of deliberately treating PBDS badly, particularly since January 13, 1985.

"Datuk Patinggi Abdul Taib insisted on having a demonstration at Kuching Airport arranged on January 13 to show support for him.

"Subsequent to that a number of similar demonstrations were organised at the other main centres throughout Sarawak.

"He felt that PBDS did not come out openly in sufficient numbers to show public demonstrations of support for him.

"From then onwards, through his actions, he had regarded PBDS as his enemy," said the statement.

It said that though PBDS Council Negeri Members signed letters of support to him, he never liked PBDS.

"He suspected PBDS to be close to Tun Rahman and because we did not participate in public glorification of the Chief Minister, PBDS was victimised.

"As a political party, PBDS' priority is to serve the rakyat. Our loyalty is to the rakyat.

"We are not set up for the purpose of glorifying an individual be he the Chief Minister," the statement concluded.

# Message to the Dayaks

THE decision by PBDS not to use the Barisan Nasional symbol in this State Election is to carry out a pact with PERMAS, a Party headed by Tun Rahman. This makes the election a most critical one for the Dayak Community. It will be for us, a choice between a Barisan Nasional which had governed the State for over a decade and the prospect of a Government headed by the ex-Chief Minister, Tun Rahman.

I agree, the Dayak Community must be UNITED. But there must also be UNITY OF PURPOSE — and a PROPER SENSE OF DIRECTION. At this crucial period of history, we must also act rationally and not emotionally; for how we decide in this Election will have a tremendous bearing on our future.

Our decision could result in our continued participation in Government under the Barisan Nasional, a Government under Tun Rahman or years in the political wilderness.

We are a major race or Community in Sarawak. But we live in a NATION of many other races. By ourselves, what we can achieve for our own Community will be limited. We need the co-operation and understanding of the other Malaysian Communities to advance the well being of the Dayak peoples. No man is an island.

Thus, Datuk Joseph Pamin Kitingan saw it fit, in the interest of the Kadazan peoples, that PBS joins the Barisan Nasional. I am sure that was why Datuk Amar

Dunstan Endawie and the Dayak leaders of SNAP (who then held the majority of Dayak seats in Council Negeri) saw the necessity to join the Barisan — to bring the Dayaks onto the mainstream of Government and political and economic development. Isolation can never be beneficial to our Dayak people. We have always shared our aspirations with other communities in Sarawak.

Viewed in this light, PBDS's decision not to use the BN symbol, which could ultimately lead to its expulsion from Barisan Nasional, is definitely not a wise one, and can hardly be in the long term interest of the Dayak Community.

At best, it would offer us a Government with Tun Rahman at the helm. So far, Tun Rahman had not said a single word as to how he would solve and redress our grievances, and how he could improve the economic and social position of the Ibans! We have to judge him by his past track records.

He helped to topple the first Iban Chief Minister, Datuk Stephen Kalong Ningkan. He replaced the second Iban Chief Minister, Datuk Tawi Sli even though Datuk Sli was returned in the 1970 elections. Why wasn't Datuk Sli re-appointed C.M. or some other Ibans be given the post.

In 1970, Tun Rahman took over the helm of Government when the Dayak Community in Sarawak was on the threshold of their political and economic development. The NEP

was then implemented. He should have helped the Dayaks to improve their share of the "economic cake". Instead, in 1974, we hear people like Datuk Leo Moggie complaining that the implementation of the NEP by the then State Government, under Tun Rahman brought no benefit to the Ibans. Please refer to Datuk Leo's maiden budget speech in Council Negeri in March, 1975.

During his 11 years as C.M., Tun Rahman, it is fair to say, the Dayaks' political economic and social development lagged far behind that of the other Bumiputras in Sarawak. Even the Iban State Secretary had his powers enormously curbed. The frustrations of the Dayaks in the State Civil Service clearly fell.

Are we Dayaks to assist in the reinstatement of such a person to the highest seat of political power in the State. We have not been able, though our sheer members in Council Negeri to control him. Can we ever control Tun Rahman noted for his manipulative political talents?

But this Election could well bring about a disastrous outcome for the Dayaks — political wilderness — with a big number of our representatives in Council Negeri consigned to the opposition benches and PBDS out of the Barisan Government at State and Federal levels. Can we afford to be in the opposition; and be left out of the mainstream of government decision making. What would be the prospects for the



Dayak Civil servants, those coming back with qualifications and our children. What the future will hold for them.

In this Election, it is not just the future of the Chief Minister, Datuk Patinggi Taib Mahmud that is at stake. The future of our Community is also at stake. We have to determine this future, in this crucial election rationally.

We have the choice of being part of a Barisan Nasional State Government wherein we would seek ways and means to uplift the living conditions of the rural people, through a process of intensified rural development — a Government which will no doubt now take heed of the strong sentiments expressed in this Election.

The alternative is either a government under Tun Rahman which will see even less rural development. The emphasis will be on projects in the urban areas like the crippled Tun Rahman centre, which

brings quick returns to those in the corridors of power. OR, a long period in the opposition for the Dayaks, with little or no influence over Government policies.

I am not a candidate in this Election. Mine may not be an important choice. I assure you it is a rational one. I appeal to all members of my Community not to act and think emotionally. My only advice is that we should avoid risks which could see us jumping from the frying pan into the fire. Our interest, in the absence of any logical and viable alternatives, must be a continued participation in the State Barisan Government which comprise of representatives of all races in Sarawak. The interest and continued progress of our Community must be within a Government where we are strongly represented and where there is complete respect and understanding amongst all the major communities in this country.

**Y.B. DATUK PETER TINGGONG AK. KAMARAU**  
MP for Saratok  
Acting Deputy President of SNAP

# TAIB ASSURES ALL RACES

THE Barisan Nasional (BN) government promotes the policy of multi-racial harmony needed for the well being of the rakyat, while the "divide and rule" ploy employed by political opportunists will only demote the development and stability of the state.

The Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud, was addressing another mammoth rally when officiating at the opening of the Community Hall in Serian today.

He said the all-time aspirations of the BN government was to build an united multi-racial harmony in order to carry out the various development projects.

He said that the state could not afford to entertain those championing a particular community, as it would destroy the much-needed multi-racial harmony which was essential for betterment of the state.

The Chief Minister said that Sarawak was for all the multi-racial community to enjoy, and that the state BN government had always

taken steps to ensure fairness in treating them.

Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud said those claiming to be "champions" of the Iban or Bidayuh community were merely offering lip-services, rather than doing what's best for the improvement of the community.

The Chief Minister, who said that he had been responsible for brising development to Serian, said that with the understanding reached with the Indonesian government and the assurance of the federal government, Serian would soon be enjoying a series of road networks which would benefit the multi-racial community found here.

The Chief Minister said the government under his leadership had done much for the various communities in Serian, especially in land matters, while Tun Rahman was all mouth with little or no action.

Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib expressed that there was a lot of land in Sarawak which could be developed, only with the presence of multi-racial harmony which was the prime importance for growth and stability.

He said that instead of promoting such communal growth, former Yang

DiPertua Negeri Tun Rahman Yakub were fast becoming agents busy at instigating bad communal feelings among the multi-racial community.

He said that he had placed importance on the agricultural growth in Serian as an expansionist programme benefitting the multi-racial society through employment and better living standards.

The Chief Minister said plans had already been drawn up till the year 2000, through huge scale projects like the Integrated Agricultural Development Project (IADP) which would benefit the constituents of Samarahan, Serian and Simunjan.

Stating that the IADP would stretch up to east of Serian, he said plans had been drawn to open up estates in east Serian up to 80,000 acres, amounting to \$133 million with arrangements with the World Bank.

Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib said that the IADP would see the joining of Samarahan, Serian and Simunjan, involving 200,000 acres, which would be the biggest project carried out in the state.

The project costing a huge sum would create in Samarahan, Serian and Simunjan, the big economic

dynamo, which would enable the rakyat to enjoy the fruits of the economy, he said.

The Chief Minister said he had been tediously drawing up various economic programmes to benefit the rakyat, while Tun Rahman was never good in promoting such economic plans.

Ironically, Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib said, the PBDS with leaders like Datuk Leo Moggie had instigated against his leadership whereby they questioned his fairness in the distribution of the economy.

The Chief Minister said that about 35 to 40 percent was allocated for the development of the Iban community, as they formed the majority of the population in the state.

Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib also said that about \$100 million was spent per year for the educational needs of the Iban, Bidayuh and the Orang Ulu communities so that they could achieve progress in the education sector.

The Chief Minister questioned the issues raised by Datuk Moggie who had said the government had little time for the Iban community and pointed out that Datuk Moggie spent most of his time in Kuala Lumpur, and when he was here,

he spent most of his time in Holiday Inn and Kanowit.

Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib said he always made efforts to visit most of the Iban constituencies, whereas Datuk Moggie knew only to visit Kanowit and Holiday Inn when in Sarawak.

Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud said the multi-racial society in the state must function as a single body to achieve the desired development, and they cannot afford to be split, as instigated by the political opportunists who were only interested in self-gains.

The Chief Minister said the BN would live up to its manifesto, and that PBDS had pulled out of the state BN, leaving only PBB, Supp and Snap, which would be using "dacing" symbol in the elections.

He said the BN would continue its utmost in fulfilling the aspirations of the rakyat, and that they were now the judges to choose between "Politics of Development" and "Pirate Politics."

The Community Hall in Serian costing about \$1 million will provide a new landmark for Serian. Sited on a two-acre site, it can accommodate about 1,200 people and was completed on Jan 1 this year.

# Rahman to blame, says Soon Kai

SIBU, Wed. — THE State Minister for Infrastructure Development, Datuk Dr Wong Soon Kai said on Friday that the present political tumult in the state was instigated and orchestrated by the former Yang Di-Pertua Negeri and Chief Minister Tun Rahman Yakub.

He said Tun Rahman was exploiting the Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak in his attempt to topple the leadership of his nephew

Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud.

He was also using the Dayak sentiments to garner support from the people, especially the Dayaks.

Datuk Dr Wong, who is also the Secretary General of the Sarawak United People's Party (Supp) said that Tun Rahman's group consisted mostly of PBDS leadership who were not genuine in serving the Dayak communities but were exploiting "Dayakism" in their propaganda.

He said that PBDS leaders like Datuk Leo Moggie and Datuk Daniel Tajem were given a lot of power in the Barisan Nasional government but they had worked only for the Dayaks in their respective constituencies while neglecting Dayaks in other areas.

Datuk Dr Wong said this at a meeting with the staff of the Sacred Heart Secondary School and St Elizabeth Secondary School to brief them on the latest political development in the state.

On Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib's leadership, Datuk Dr Wong said his policy was to get all races to work together to develop the country.

In his six years as Chief Minister, Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib had done much to bring about development to the state, said Datuk Dr Wong adding that he had never discriminate against or neglected any race.

He said in this coming election the choice for the electorate was whether

they wanted Datuk Patinggi Taib Mahmud to continue serving the people as the BN leader or the Tun Rahman group to form the next government.

During the session Datuk Dr Wong granted \$10,000 for the roofing of the Sacred Heart School library and another \$10,000 to St Elizabeth School for renovation of its toilet facilities.

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## George Chan hits out at racial extremism

MIRI, Wed. — THE Barisan Nasional candidate for the Miri (N 44) constituency, Dr George Chan Hong Nam, who is also the Minister for Special Functions, said today he was strongly against racial extremists and extremism in any form.

He said he would defend the existing multi-racial harmony and good relationship in the country with whatever power he had.

Dr Chan reaffirmed that his desire was to serve all the people of Sarawak whether he was Iban, Malay, Chinese or of a minority race.

"I believe in the multi-racial concept of government and in giving every Sarawakian a place in the sun

from the humblest fisherman to the most knowledgeable professional, from the handicapped to the fittest," he said.

He said he was firmly against money politics and intrigues and condemned any Sarawakian who risked the harmonious multi-racial society for their own selfish ends.

Dr Chan said he despised politicians who could be bought with money and promise of position, forgetting that their duty was to the rakyat.

"I believe in Datuk Taib's politics of development and his vision of making Sarawak into a model state which I am sure is the ambition of every Sarawakian," he said.

Dr Chan pledged to stand firmly

behind Datuk Taib to realise this vision which included, in the forefront, the development of the rural area and the uplifting of the rural people as well as the continuous prosperity, peace and harmony of the state.

"I shall fight anyone who will destroy this vision," he said.

Dr Chan, who was returned unopposed in the 1983 State Election and won in the 1982 parliamentary election, appealed to all voters in the Miri constituency for their votes.

He pledged his utmost to continue to serve the people to the best of his knowledge and ability.



DATUK  
HAJJAH HAFSAH

# Why I quit Cabinet — Hafsa

KUCHING — The PERMAS candidate for Petra Jaya, Datuk Hajjah Hafsa Harun, formerly Minister for Social Development and head of PBB Wanita, yesterday revealed that one of the reasons she quit the Abdul Taib government was because the Chief Minister gave away 3,000 acres of land sought by farmers to multi-millionaire timber businessman and SNAP President, Datuk Amar James Wong. Datuk Hajjah Hafsa said that the land, at Penambe, on the coast of the First Division had been sought for a consider-

able time by farmers in the area, especially from Kampung Buntal, but their numerous requests to the government were ignored.

Datuk Amar Wong is apparently planning to use the land for a holiday resort.

The Chief Minister, in commenting on the matter after it was first reported in *Utusan Sarawak*, was reported to have said that he failed to see anything wrong in such a move.

Before the last state

elections, Datuk Amar Wong was at bitter loggerheads with the Chief Minister and one issue of the SNAP news letter was devoted entirely to complaints against the Chief Minister. The news letter said SNAP had gone out of its way to co-operate with Minister and did not know what more was expected of it.

Datuk Hajjah Hafsa also denied that she had ever sworn loyalty to Abdul Taib.

"I did not swear but only pledged to abide by the party," she said in response to a statement by Abdul Taib at a gathering

in Kampung Gersik near here on Tuesday that she had sworn to be loyal to him.

She said loyalty to party and the leadership did not mean "allowing my head to be stepped on and my mouth to be muzzled."

She said that she aligned herself with the opposition because she had lost confidence in Abdul Taib's style of leadership.

Datuk Hafsa, who has joined Permas, is involved in a straight fight with Sharifah Mordiah Tuanku Fauzi, Wanita PBB Vice-head, for the Petra Jaya seat in the state election.



Datuk Amar James Wong

KUCHING, Thurs. — STATE Minister for Environment and Tourism Datuk Amar James Wong expressed surprise at the ignorance of former State Minister for Social Development Datuk Hajjah Hafsa Harun on her ignorance of the geography of Sarawak.

Datuk Amar James Wong suggested to Datuk Hajjah Hafsa to have a closer look at the map of Sarawak as her accusation in a local anti-Taib broadsheet was way out of the contour of Sarawak.

He pointed to her ignorance, the conditions of the mangrove swamps. The minister welcomed her to

## James Wong ticks off Hafsa over ignorance

study the terms and conditions concerning the use of such land for aquaculture.

The 3,000 acres of mangrove swamp was to pioneer the aquaculture industry in Sarawak despite the fact that Datuk Hajjah Hafsa seemed to think otherwise, he said.

Datuk Amar James Wong asked whether the former minister could honestly think that the formation of PBDS was to fight for the rights of the Dayaks.

His reply in full is as follows: "I am surprised to see the accusations by Datuk Hajjah Hafsa Harun in *'The Sarawak Tribune'*.

"Firstly she said that the land given was on the coast of Buntal. Secondly, because the land was given, she decided to resign and joined the rebel group. Thirdly, to quote her, "apparently planning to use the land for a holiday resort." Fourthly, that I was at bitter-loggerheads with the Chief Minister at the last state elections."

"I would firstly suggest to Datuk Hajjah Hafsa Harun to have a close look at the map of Sarawak and see for herself the location

of the 3,000 acres of mangrove swamp are earmarked for aquaculture. It was not at the coast of the First Division but considerably inland and where no one has ever thought of developing.

"Secondly, may I ask why she did not resign at the end of 1985 when the land was given but only after one and a half years. Furthermore, I have never heard her complain about the matter either at the Council Negri Chambers or to any of the Ministers about the above issue. Her accusation in the use of the land for a holiday resort shows her ignorance of the conditions of the mangrove swamps which are heavily infested with mosquitoes and other pests. She is welcome to study the terms and conditions concerning the use of this land which was solely for aquaculture purpose.

Datuk Amar Wong clarified, "In fact if ever I were to use the land for purpose

of a holiday resort I should have my head examined. Actually the land was given with special condition. That is, to pioneer the aquaculture industry in Sarawak. I should remind Datuk Hajjah Hafsa Harun that I have also the distinct honour of pioneering the hill-timber industry in Sarawak and was responsible for introducing the use of tractors in the Sarawak timber operations.

Fourthly, it is correct that SNAP, at the last election, was at loggerheads with the Chief Minister. The reason being that the Chief Minister then chose to support the PBDS leaders who in my opinion were not sincere nor honourable. They left SNAP after they failed to secure control of the party. Obviously they did not respect the democratic system and the constitution which they themselves help to draft."

"The formation of PBDS apparently was for selfish

ends and there was no sincerity in helping the Dayak race.

Let me ask Datuk Hajjah Hafsa Harun if she honestly believes that the politicians who formed the Dayak Party to fight for the rights of the Dayaks and claiming to believe in the purity of the Dayak race and Dayak culture can do so when they themselves are married to non-Dayak and foreign wives.

"In fact the children themselves are not hundred percent Dayaks and yet they claim to fight for the rights of the Dayaks race."

"I have refrain from commenting on such blatant hypocrisy for quite sometime ever since they left SNAP and formed PBDS. Now, since PBDS choose to use Dayakism as an issue, I have no option but to expose their hypocrisy and their personal disloyalty to the Dayak race which they claim so much to be their champions."

## Taib reveals 12-point manifesto

Barisan Nasional Manifesto of 12-Points 1987  
CONTINUED STABILITY THROUGH  
THE POLITICS OF DEVELOPMENT

政治穩定是發展之基礎  
通過發展性的政治  
繼續維持州內安寧



# BN VOWS RACIAL GROWTH BALANCE

CHIEF MINISTER Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud unveiled the Barisan Nasional 12-point manifesto this evening stressing a re-emphasis on a greater aspect on the sensitivities of the multi-racial composition in the state.

Declaring that the BN was upholding the pledge made in the last Parliamentary election with a few modifications, Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud said that it was important to avoid racial polarisation.

Sarawak he said enjoyed good inter-racial relations but there was now certain group of people bent on reversing the trend.

"We in Sarawak are lucky to have avoided any form of racial polarisation and are proud to have religious freedom, harmony despite some who want to employ

racial politics," said Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib.

The Chief Minister said that his party's manifesto was aimed primarily to bring benefits to the people based on the politics of development as economics did not operate on racial lines.

"We base our development on the law of economics. We have opened new areas for development although some have become controversial while some smooth sailing," he said.

On development plans, Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib said that efforts would be made to abolish any forms of inequality in land development as the government's sole purpose of development was to reap maximum benefits for the rakyat.

Despite those who oppose such development plans there are many more people who support it, for they know the future benefits that are in store in these developments.

Datuk Patinggi Haji

Abdul Taib said that there would be a re-organisation of the state's agriculture masterplan while the development of human resources such as the youth was one important area they would not overlook.

The country's youth resources would be harnessed further to good use contributing more extensively in such development plans.

Amenities he said, would also be created for them to discourage them from moving into the main towns from the rural areas.

He said that his philosophy was that of power-sharing between the racial groups.

In this aspect he said, he had enjoyed a friendly cabinet in that people of one racial group spoke out for members of other racial groups, which projected a picture of racial harmony.

On paying more attention on sensitivities of racial composition in the state, Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib said that before he took over office, the former

administration had "managed from the desk" without paying much emphasis on such sensitivities.

He also said that before the last 10 years, politics had never been based on the resources of timber while of late there was a dangerous flood of money in politics through the use of such timber resources.

He said he had frozen certain timber licences because he was trying to prevent a strong concentration of timber wealth in a few hands.

Certain people he said, believed that wealth through such resources could breed power and fearing such danger he had revoked such licences to separate wealth from power.

Instead three funds were created from these frozen timber licences to help people whose livelihoods were affected by the extraction of timber, to provide a fund for the enrichment of culture and sport and to contribute toward welfare and religious services.

# BN top brass stays clear

## Help of BN leaders in S'wak polls unnecessary - Ghafar

ALOR SETAR (Bernama) - The Barisan Nasional (BN) does not consider it necessary to send leaders of its component parties in Peninsular Malaysia to help BN candidates campaign in the Sarawak state election, Deputy Prime Minister Ghafar Baba said.

Encik Ghafar, who is also BN secretary-general, said the Sarawak BN leaders and election workers could carry out their campaign effectively to ward off accusation hurled at the coalition by the opposition.

However, BN would not prevent component party leaders to go over to Sarawak on an individual basis to help in the campaign, said Encik Ghafar here on Tuesday night after meeting 160 Kedah Umno delegates to the party's general assembly on April 24.

He also said the BN would hold a meeting after the election to discuss the position of Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak (PBDS) which decided to contest under its own symbol in defiance of a BN supreme council decision.

The supreme council had decided that all Sarawak BN component parties contest only the seats they had held before the dissolution of the state assembly using the "Dacing" symbol.

PBDS, which held seven seats prior to the dissolution of the assembly, is using its own party symbol to contest in 21 constituencies in the election on April 15 and 16.

On the country's economy, Encik Ghafar said the situation was not worrying.

He said Malaysia was one of the 15 countries in the world listed as those with a good record for repayment of debts.

He said Malaysia repaid its debts at a rate of 6.7 percent of its export revenue per year.

"Allegations that Malaysia is facing an economic crisis and does not have the confidence of other countries is untrue and baseless," he added.

At the closed-door meeting with the delegates, Encik Ghafar explained the country's present economic and political situation, including the contest for posts at the Umno Supreme Council election.

Also present was Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Haji Osman Aruff, who is also State Umno liaison chief.

## Stability key to progress - Mahathir

KUCHING (Bernama) - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said yesterday the stability brought about by the Barisan Nasional Government has ensured rapid socio-economic development in the nation.

"This stability has also created a suitable climate to ensure harmony and unity among the various communities in the country," he said in a message contained in the Barisan Nasional manifesto released here.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir, who is also BN Chairman, said all programmes and development strategies implemented by the BN Government were aimed at further raising the living standard of the people and ensuring a more comfortable life-style for them, irrespective of their origin, race or religion.

In this context, he said, priority was always given to rural areas so that facilities available in the urban areas would also be enjoyed by those in the rural and interior areas.

In Sarawak, he said, the BN Government of Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud had brought rapid development to the state and had improved the infrastructure facilities, apart from attracting more investors to the state despite the economic slowdown.

These efforts had provided more employment opportunities to the local people in all sectors, reflecting the state government leadership's excellent record.

All communities in the state were jointly reaping the fruits of development, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said.

On the state election, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir was confident that voters would show wisdom and maturity by re-electing the Barisan Nasional Government which always had the interest of the people and state and heart.

"This is vital to ensure continued progress, stability and unity," he said.

Meanwhile, Datuk Patinggi Taib in his message in the manifesto said that as part of its development efforts, the

state government had initiated major socio-economic projects such as the multi-million ringgit Integrated Agricultural Development Programme (IADP) in the Kaja-Saribas area and Samarahan and the Fel-da oil palm scheme.

The state government was also planning and encouraging various heavy and light industry projects, particularly in the timber and petrochemical fields.

It had also improved tourist development and infrastructure facilities throughout the state, he said.

Datuk Patinggi Abdul Taib, who is State BN Chairman, said these efforts reflected the BN government's sincerity in implementing its policies of development concept.

He also said \$2,608 billion was allocated for the state's development under the Third Malaysia Plan and \$6.3 billion under the present Fifth Malaysia Plan.

The Chief Minister also said the state government was determined to maintain investors' confidence in the state as the basis for its rapid development.

The state election is being held two years ahead of schedule following an attempt by a group of assemblymen who now call themselves "Kumpulan Maju" to topple Datuk Patinggi Abdul Taib on March 10.

Datuk Patinggi Abdul Taib launched the BN manifesto at the Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu (PBB) office in Jalan Satok here last night.

# Taib, Rahman reveal names of licensees Timber freeze sparks 'war'

By ZAINON AHMAD

**KUCHING, Thurs. —** The freezing of 25 timber concessions worth about \$22.5 billion has sparked an expose war between Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Abdul Taib Mahmud and Maju leader Tun Abdul Rahman Yakub as to the licensees of these and other concessions in Sarawak.

Datuk Taib said the total size of the concessions was three million acres (1.25 million hectares) and they were "concentrated in the hands of a few."

The freeze, imposed a day after the attempt to force Datuk Taib to step down as Chief Minister, was to prevent the timber wealth from being concentrated in the hands of a few.

At a Press conference last night, Datuk Taib defended his action in freezing the concessions to prevent the State from being overwhelmed by "politics of timber."

He said the decision to freeze was not just due to political motivation but was also a result of "technical-legal irregularities."

The State Barisan Nasional secretariat in a political advertisement in the *People's Mirror* newspaper today alleges that "the records show that during Tun Rahman's time, forest licences were issued to many of his allies... who have access to the corridors of powers."

The advertisement, which also alleges that "companies in which his relatives have interests... also obtained licences", challenged the Maju leader to deny its charges.

An aide to the Chief Minister read out from a list some names of licensees among whom were "close friends and relatives" of Tun Rahman but refused to show the list.

At a Press conference today, Tun Rahman denied the allegations that several large timber concessions were concentrated in his hands.

Asked whether among the concessions frozen by the State Government were those held by his nominees, he said they were not his "personal nominees" but perhaps those held under the names of his relatives.

"But I certainly did not give myself concessions when I was in office (as Chief Minister)", he said.

Tun Rahman later read out some names of directors of companies holding timber licences from a list taken out of a file. Among the names were companies in which a Barisan Nasional candidate figured several times.

The former Yang di-Pertua Negeri, however, refused to give the list for inspection.

Datuk Taib had said that most of the timber concessions were given out during the time when Tun Rahman was Chief Minister and that since he became the State chief executive in 1981 "very few concessions were given out."

He, however, declined to answer a question about the basis on which timber concessions were given out.

But Tun Rahman today said that in his time concessions were given "to those who applied" including those with political aspirations.

He said he did not "want his colleagues to enter politics and suffer." He remembered his early days in politics in the 1960s when he had to depend on some people to help him in politics.

Granting politicians concessions would free them from being obliged to their sponsors, he said.

Tun Rahman mentioned some names of those who had applied and

received timber concessions. Among them were several leaders of the Parti Peasaka Bumiputera Bersatu (PBB) who are serving in the Government at State and Federal levels.

The Maju leader who is president of Persatuan Rakyat Malaysia Sarawak (Permas) called for the setting up of a commission of enquiry presided by a judge to look into unlawful dealings in concessions "before and now."

Bernama quotes Datuk Taib as saying that only one million acres (about 0.4 million hectares) of timber land was left.

This would remain frozen until such time the Government felt that it could be distributed for development that could bring maximum benefits to the people.

The 25 frozen concessions would be re-allocated through the Sarawak Timber Industry Development Corporation (STIDC), he said.

Datuk Taib acknowledged that "real timber men" had contributed to the development of the people in Sarawak.

He said that to ensure that more people benefited from the timber resources, the Government was setting up three funds — the Forest Development Cess Fund, the Religious and Welfare Fund and the Culture and Sports Fund.

Money from the Forest Development Cess Fund — which he said would be open-ended — would be used to help people adversely affected by the development of timber areas.

Included in this form of assistance would be provision of alternative sources of water supply and improving the sites of longhouses.

Datuk Taib said this fund had yet to get off the ground because of the recession and the low price of timber.

He expected the price of timber to pick up soon, most probably this year, following which the fund would go into operation.

# Linggi, Abu Bakar deny Seatax shares claims

SARAWAK TRIBUNE, APRIL 11, 1987

## Taib's misdeeds

**(1) SEATEX PLANTATION SDN. BHD.**

Kawasan seluas 30,000 ha. Berempat: Sg. Tangap, Sg. Saeh, Sg. Tereh.

**Tuan Punya**

- 1. YB Douglas Ugap Ak Embas (MP) (Saribas) - Jabu's nominee
- 2. Alex Nanta Linggi (Kapit) - Datuk Linggi (Saribas) - Jabu's wife
- 3. Khalit Marzuki (Saribas) - Jabu's wife
- 4. Datin Emoiang Jabu

**(2) BUMI HJAU BERKEMBANG SDN. BHD.)**

Kawasan seluas 26,000 ha. Berempat di — Sg Niah dan Ulu Niah.

**Tuan Punya**

- 1. K.B.C. Group Huang Ee Hoe (Saribas) — King's Centre
- 2. Douglas Sulliang (Saribas) — Jabu's Group
- 3. Richard Mullok (Kapit) — Candidate
- 4. Kenneth Kanyan Palagus (PBB)

**(3) SARIMAS SDN. BHD.**

Kawasan seluas 32,000 ha. Berempat di-Ulu Sui, Niah.

**Tuan Punya**

- 1. Bustari Yusoff (Kuching) - C.M.'s Nominee
- 2. Datin Empiang Jabu (Saribas) - Datuk Jabu's wife
- 3. Alex Kok (Semananjung)
- 4. YB James Jimbut Ak Pungga (MP) (Kapit) — PBB

**(4) SARAKO SDN. BHD.**

Kawasan seluas 36,000 ha. Berempat di-Suai.

**Tuan Punya**

- 1. Datuk Linggi Jugah (Kapit)
- 2. Datuk Abang Abu Bakar (Kuching) — Deputy Minister Defence
- 3. Lau Ngau Chung (Sibu) — Datuk HK Lau's KTS Group
- 4. Bustari Yusoff (Kuching) — CM's Nominee

**(5) C.D.C. JOINT VENTURE L.C.D.A.**

Kawasan seluas 50,000 ha. Berempat di-Suai Niah.

**Tuan Punya**

Luar Negeri.

**(6) GEROGO QUARRY SDN. BHD.**

Kawasan di-Niah

**Tuan Punya**

- 1. YB Ambros Bilikau Ak Enturan Assistant Minister, Land & Mineral Resources
- 2. Ujang Ak. Jilan
- 3. Douglas Ugap )
- 4. Douglas Sulliang ) Saribas, Datuk Jabu's Group
- 5. Edmund Abbit )



Datuk Abang Abu Bakar



Datuk Linggi Jugah

KUCHING 5pt. — Deputy Defence Minister Datuk Abang Abu Bakar and PBB secretary-general Datuk Leonard Linggi Jugah denied today allegations that they have shares in Seatex Plantation Sdn Bhd and Sarako Sdn. Bhd. Datuk Linggi also denied that his son Mr Alex Nanta had any share in Seatex Plantation Sdn Bhd.

The allegations were made in an article "Taib's misdeeds" published in another local English broadsheet today.

The article alleged that Datuk Abang Abu, Datuk Linggi and Mr Alex Nanta Linggi had shares in the said companies to whom land was said to have been alienated by the government.

"The allegations are grossly untrue, entirely unfounded, malicious and defamatory," said their advocate, Mr J.C. Fong.

Mr Fong said legal action would be instituted against the publishers and editor of the said broadsheet for the libellous statements made against the trio.

Meanwhile, Datuk Abang Abu, Datuk Linggi and Mr Alex Linggi had urged the people to judge how low the enemies of the Barisan Nasional were prepared to descend in their

desperate attempt to fish for votes.

"As far as the said broadsheet is concerned, its credibility is completely destroyed by the publication of such malicious and false allegations and the paper has become willing tool of those politicians who want to seek power through the most unscrupulous means," they said.

In another press statement issued by Enik Bustari Yusoff, he denied allegation in the same article which said that he was the nominee of the Chief Minister in Sarimas Sdn Bhd and Sarako Sdn Bhd.

"I wish to state clearly and categorically that I do not represent anyone but myself in my capacity as a local businessman and entrepreneur in these two companies, least to say to be the Chief Minister's nominee as alleged by the said broadsheet.

"I would not hesitate to take appropriate action if the names of the Chief Minister and mine are not cleared by the said broadsheet," he added.

He said his lawyers were now studying the case.

Enik Bustari said Tun Rahman was really desperate in his (Tun) attempt to humiliate Datuk Patinggi Taib in public.

## TIMBER WEALTH OWNED BY TUN RAHMAN'S GROUP

KUCHING; Sat. — SARAWAK'S wealth, which is mainly derived from its forest reserves, was to have been enjoyed by all, but it is not so as a majority of this wealth is heaped on to the henchmen of the former Chief Minister and Yang Di-Pertua Negeri Tun Rahman Yakub according to statistics and documented evidence produced to *The People's Mirror* today.

Tun Rahman himself had openly admitted that very fact when he said that he had helped a number of people plagued with financial problems to become rich overnight.

Upon investigating documents made available it was revealed that at least half of the timber licences were owned by Tun Rahman's "group."

The list itself is not complete but sufficient enough to warrant a staggering \$200 million of Sarawakian wealth.

The above complements Tun Rahman's success in harnessing rakyat's wealth ought to have been used for the development of the state, political observers said.

Tun Rahman, who is now aging and inflicted with bad health, had admitted that he was now absent-minded but all the same had decided in returning to active politics.

"The rakyat who are confused about Tun Rahman's struggle, should take a closer look at the timber licences owned by Tun Rahman's "gang" before drawing their conclusion and falling prey to falsehoods and trickery deployed by the opposition said the observer.

## PART OF THE LIST IS AS FOLLOWS

### Baltim Timber Sdn Bhd

Licence Number: T/3070  
Location: Batang Belega, Belaga  
Acreage: 48,763 hectares (120,444 acres)  
Directors: (a) Haji Wan Habib Syed Mahmud (Permas candidate)  
(b) Wan Madzihi Mahdzar (Permas candidate)

### Syarikat Delapan Sdn Bhd

Licence Number: T/3071  
Location: Batang Kemena, Tubak Bintulu  
Acreage: 67,476 hectares (166,665 acres)  
Directors: (a) Datin Debong Anyi (Datuk Tajang's wife)  
(b) Norlia Abdul Rahman (Tun Rahman's daughter)  
(c) Haji Zainuddin Satem (Permas candidate)

### Lembah Mewah Sdn Bhd

Licence Number: T/3069  
Location: Batang Kemena, Tubau  
Acreage: 94,126 hectares (232,491.22 acres)  
Directors: Datin Debong Anyi  
Khadijah Abdul Rahman (Tun Rahman's daughter)  
Norlia Abdul Rahman (Tun Rahman's daughter)

### Kehtunan Sentiasa Sdn Bhd

Licence Number: T/4152  
Location: Sungai Jelalong  
Acreage: 30,829 hectares (76,147.63 acres)  
Directors: Haji Deli Abdul Rahman (Tun Rahman's henchman)  
Datuk Haji Salleh Jafaruddin (Permas candidate)  
Dr Wan Ali Tuanku Mahdi (Permas candidate)

### Berbet Sdn Bhd

Licence Number: T/0281  
Acreage: 35,554 hectares (87,818 acres)  
Director: Norlia Abdul Rahman (Tun Rahman's daughter)

### Maguari Sdn Bhd

Licence Number: T/0261  
Location: Melana, Sungai Rumpit  
Acreage: 33,554 hectares (82,878 acres)  
Director: Haji Mohd Deli Abdul Rahman

### Keruntum Sdn Bhd

Licence Number: T/0279  
Acreage: 198,926 hectares (466,647 acres)  
Directors: Haji Mohd Deli Abdul Rahman  
Haji Mohd Louis Ali

### Kehtunan Sentiasa Sdn Bhd

Timber Licence: T/3007  
Location: Sungai Jelalong  
Acreage: 30,829 hectares (76,143.63 acres)  
Directors: Haji Mohd Deli Abdul Rahman  
Haji Salleh Jafaruddin

### Shobra Sdn Bhd

Licence Number: T/0282  
Acreage: 1,163 hectares  
Directors: Datuk Amar Abang Yusuf Puteh (Permas candidate)  
Datin Amar Rogayah (Datuk Amar Abang Yusuf's wife)

# More of timber licences 'kept' in Rahman's circle exposed

KÜCHING, Sun. — THE State Election on April 15 and 16 is going to be crucial.

The stakes are very high. Tun Abdul Rahman Yaakub is "going for broke" in this election after several unsuccessful earlier attempts to topple Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud.

It is becoming very clear that there are no issues of substance confronting the electorate. Rather, at stake is the control of the state's timber wealth by a certain group of politicians.

Former Yang Di Pertua Negeri and Chief Minister Tun Rahman Yakub has set up a very complex web using nominees and shell companies to cover up his ownership of large tracts of the best timber lands in Sarawak, according to documents made available.

The present political crisis in Sarawak which led to the election was provoked by the government's freezing of 12 timber licences, many of which belong to Tun Rahman's relatives and very close friends.

By this careful camouflage of his timber dealings, Tun Rahman would like the public to believe that he has no connection with the frozen timber licences.

But the attached list will show the timber licences issued to companies which have close connections with Tun Rahman's relatives, friends and political allies.

A scrutiny of the shareholders of these companies confirmed that amongst those holding equity in these timber companies are Norlia bte Tun Rahman (his daughter), Jamil Haji Abdullah (his brother-in-law), Polycarp Soon (his late brother-in-law), Thomas Soon (brother-in-law),

Mohd Kamal Hussain (business advisor), Datuk Tajang Laing (political ally), Datuk Daniel Tajem (political ally), Wan Habib bin Syed Mahmud (nephew), Wan Madzih Mahdzar (nephew), Datuk Salleh Hj Jafaruddin (nephew), Datuk Amar Yusuf Puteh (ally), B.R. Adai (Editor, Sarawak Tribune) and Rabiah bin Yassin (relative).

Some of the companies are owned by holding companies like Sateras Holdings Sdn Bhd and Sewsin Sdn Bhd which are actually Tun Rahman's family companies.

Shares in a few of the timber companies are also registered in the names of clerks and office staff like Jusaidah Zen and Lucy Lao Puong Siong.

Both this two staff in fact own a company known as Kabaia Sdn Bhd to whom a timber Licence No. T. 6057 has been issued.

There's no doubt that these two ladies were merely nominees of some body, it is learnt.

These details can prove the extent of ownership of timber resources in the hands of Tun Rahman and his close associates.

The total area of the licences shown in the list attached is over 80,000 hectares.

They represent almost a quarter of the total forest area under exploration by licence holders.

These forest licence holding companies are estimated to be worth hundreds of millions.

It is learnt that all these licences shown in the list were issued during the period when Tun Rahman was Chief Minister or when Datuk Haji Noor Tahir was the Minister for Forestry.

The Forest Ordinance provides that the Director of Forest cannot, without

the consent of the Minister for Forestry, to issue any licence to extract timber for a period exceeding one year.

The licences issued to companies shown in the list are for periods exceeding one year, and could only be issued with the consent or approval of the Minister.

## DETAILS

Tun Rahman and Datuk Haji Noor were the only persons holding the portfolio of Minister for Forestry during the period 1970 to 1983, when the licences concerned were issued to Tun Rahman's family, associates and other relatives.

Thus, it cannot be disputed that the licences to the companies belonging to Tun Rahman's family, relatives, political allies and associates were issued with his approval or by him or by Datuk Haji Noor.

The concentration of timber wealth in the hands of a few who have political ambitions and who do not actually work or exploit the concessions themselves, is not in the interest of the state.

It was on these grounds, that the state government had decided to take measures to ensure that the exploitation of our rich timber resources benefits the rakyat as a whole.

To achieve this, action was taken against those who secured these licences through what has been described as nepotism and favouritism, from the previous administration, with the view to having these licences re-issued to STIDC.

The income derived from the exploitation of our timber wealth will be channelled to various funds for the benefit of the rakyat as a whole.

If Tun Rahman and Permas were to place the in-

terest of the rakyat above themselves, they should whole heartedly support this move on the part of the government.

The state government stated that it was not their intention to victimise and harass the genuine timber operators.

The government recognised the role played by them in the development of the timber industry.

The government is expected to continue to rendering all necessary help and co-operation to them to enable them to carry out their undertaking.

It is not the Chief Minister's intention to withdraw licences of timber operators who undertake their operations on a commercial basis and in accordance with the terms and conditions of their licences.

The recent withdrawal of licences belonging to companies associated with the Permas leader has not affected timber operations in the forest areas concerned.

The timber extraction activities it is learnt continued to be undertaken by the contractors working in the affected areas, as the extraction of timber in these areas was now under the control and supervision of STIDC.

The workers in these areas are engaged by the contractors and as the extraction activities are continuing, there is no retrenchment or dismissal of workers.

# THE LIST GOES ON FOR ALL TO JUDGE

## LEMBAHAN MEWAH SDN. BHD.

Licence No. : T/3069  
 Total forested area : 92,228 ha  
 Date of issue : 26/5/81  
 Directors : Norlia Abd. Rahman  
                   Datin Debang Anyi  
                   Khadijah Abd. Rahman  
 One of the share holders : Sateras Holdings Sdn. Bhd.  
 Shareholders are : Norlia Tun Abd. Rahman  
                   Aishah Tun Abd. Rahman  
                   Khadijah Tun Abd. Rahman  
                   Zaiton Tun Abd. Rahman  
                   Fatimah Tun Abd. Rahman  
                   Norah Tun Abd. Rahman

## MAGUARI SDN BHD

Licence No. : T/0261  
 Total forested area : 33,440 ha.  
 Date of issue : 16/11/81  
 Directors : Kamal Hussien  
                   Mohd Deli Abd Rahman, Hj

One of the shareholders is Jamil Hj Abdullah

The contractors of this holding is  
 SARASIN SDN BHD, which belong to  
     Norlia Abd Rahman  
     Lucy Lao Puong Siang

## MOSKO LUMBER SDN BHD

Licence No. : T/3068  
 Total forested area : 69,786 ha.  
 Date of issue : 8/5/81

One of the shareholders of Mosko is Gavial Sdn Bhd and shareholders of these are Mohamed Kamal Hussain and Norlia Tun Abd Rahman.

## BARBET SDN BHD

Licence No. : T/0281  
 Acreage : 68,471 ha.  
 Date of issue : 5/12/83  
 Directors : Mokhsen Ibrahim, Hj  
                   Zainuddin Satem, Hj

One of the shareholders is Barbetta which is owned by Puan Junaidah Zen.

## SARAWTAB SDN BHD

Licence No. : T/0137  
 Date of issue : 22/1/77  
 Total forested area : 104,842 ha.

Directors are Hj Mohd Deli Abd Rahman, Hj Salleh Jafaruddin, Datuk Amar Abg Yusuf Puteh. And one of the shareholders is Tabau Enterprise, whose Directors are Hj Mohd Deli Abd Rahman, Norlia Tun Abd Rahman, Mohd Kamal Hussein, Nohd Louis Ali and Khatijah Tun Abd Rahman.

## KABALA SDN BHD

Licence No. : T/6057  
 Total forested area : 1,425 ha.

The Directors are Norlia Abd Rahman, Junaidah Zen and Lucy Lao Puong Siang and the shareholders are Lucy Lao Puong Siang and Junaidah Zen.

## SYARIKAT DELAPAN SDN BHD

Licence No. : T/3071  
 Total forested area : 42,255 ha.  
 Date of issue : 26/5/81

The Directors are Ali Sheikh Salim, Hj and Umar Sheikh Salim, Hj.

And among the shareholders are:

— Christa Holdings, owned by  
 Mohd Kamal Hussain  
 Zainuddin Satem

— Sarasin Sdn Bhd owned by  
 Norlia Abd Rahman and  
 Lucy Lao Puong Siang and  
 — Datuk Tajang Laing

## SEBIYAU LOGGING SDN BHD

Licence No. : T/3075  
 Date of issue : 1/4/82  
 Total forested area : 17,549

Directors are Ali Sheikh Salim, Hj Fathi Hj Duet, Hj Omar Sheikh Salim.

## KEHUTANAN SENTIASA SDN BHD

Licence No. : T/4152  
 Total forested area : 30,070  
 Date of issue : 16/6/81

The Directors are Salleh Jafaruddin and Hj. Mohd Deli Abd Rahman and among the shareholders are Datuk Daniel Tajem, Salleh and Sons Sdn Bhd.

## BALTIM TIMBER SDN BHD

Licence No. : T/3070  
 Date of issue : 26/5/81  
 Total Acreage : 39,229 ha.

Directors are Wan Habib Syed Mahmud and Sharifah Rahanah Tuanku Taha. The company belongs to RFR Mahmud Holdings.

# Warning against those out to disrupt unity

LAWAS, Sun. — THE rakyat were warned against a certain group of politicians who are trying to wreck the multi-racial unity and harmony. State Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Community Development, Abang Johari Tun Abang Haji Openg said in Lawas.

The minister said if such politicians were allowed to manipulate the political stability in the state, the rakyat would stand to suffer from their misdeeds.

Abang Johari was speaking to 200 Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu members in Kampung Punang here yesterday.

He said the aim of the unscrupulous politicians was not sincere, and that they were merely putting on a facade in championing the cause of the rakyat.

Abang Johari said the Rakyat must therefore reject the opposition and its candidates as there was nothing much they could do compared with the BN, which was striving for the betterment of the rakyat.

Abang Johari called on the voters to cast their votes wisely, to determine the kind of leadership they wanted for themselves and their future generations.

"If the people still want to enjoy development in the state, they must throw their undivided support to BN government and maintain the politics of development under the leadership of Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud," he said.

The BN-PBB candidate for Lawas, Awang Tengah Ali Hassan, in his welcoming speech, reminded the community of the importance of uniting and supporting the BN which he said, was vital for the development of the community.

In thanking the BN component parties in Lawas, Awang Tengah said the community must not be swayed by the sweet promises made by the opposition or Independent candidates who were merely out to gain votes.

Earlier, the secretary of PBB Kampung Punang, Encik Reduan Tahir, pledged the members' undivided support to the BN government

# Racial politics spell trouble, says Abang Abu

TEBAKANG (Serian). Sun. — THE Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu (PBB) deputy president, Datuk Abang Abu Bakar, has again warned that the practice of politics based on communal sentiments, like those shown by the groups opposing the state Barisan Nasional Government, would bring negative effects that could lead to communal frictions and even violence.

At Kampung Melayu here today, when declared open the \$165,000 suspension bridge, Datuk Abang Abu Bakar said that the kind of communal politics employed by the opposition groups in 'fishing for votes' was endangering the stability, peace and harmonious relationship now enjoyed among the various communities here.

The groups opposing the state BN government, the Permas/PBDS coalition, he said were not sensitive to the prevailing conditions enjoyed by the people in the state.

Datuk Abang Abu Bakar, who is also the Federal Deputy Defence Minister advised the supporters and campaigners

of the opposition parties to adhere to the proper ethics of political campaigning and not to be too extreme in their views as fragile communal sentiments, when aroused.

If not controlled, he said, it could be a destabilising factor and could even break out into communal violence.

The PBB deputy president said such an event and incident ever happening in the state would be a dark chapter in the country's history and, as such, the people must be aware of the grievous consequences of such a form of politics.

Therefore, the people must ensure that the Permas and PBDS coalition group is not given the votes which could not safeguard their future if they ever came into power, Datuk Abang Abu Bakar warned.

The Deputy Federal Minister also told the people that the spirit of understanding and tolerance could not be frittered away and every community in the state must learn to possess this spirit of give and take and to respect one another so that the existing relationship would

be further strengthened with the people working towards a common goal.

He warned the Malay community here not to fall prey to the sweet promises and false propaganda of Permas as the party, headed by Tun Rahman Yakub, has to divide the community in its attempt to take over the government to satisfy the lechery of its leaders rather than fulfil the aspirations of the people.

Datuk Abang Abu Bakar said the BN government was the only body that could ensure their future stability and well-being. He urged them to give the state BN the mandate to meet their aspirations.

The suspension bridge, built to link the kampung with the main road, was to provide easier crossing for the kampung folks across the river.

Among those who attended the function were the BN candidate for Tebakang, Mr Andrew Bujang Bareng, the speaker of the State Legislative Assembly, Mr Jacob Ridu and a political secretary in the Chief Minister's Office, Datuk Dominic Dagok ak Randan.

under Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud and to the BN candidate Awang Tengah.

He said there was no reason for the rakyat in Lawas to vote for the opposition as the BN government and its lead-

ers had done much to bring development to the area.

Encik Reduan said the allegations made by the Permas candidate Awangku Yusuf bin Pengiran Bongsu, stating that 48 PBB members had crossed over to

Permas, was baseless and irresponsible.

While in Lawas, Abang Johari also visited the PBB Lawas Division operations room where he attended a closed door meeting with members of the BN component parties.

# Civil servants unhappy with government

## DEFUNCT

### PROVIDENT FUNDS

According to Suara SGOU, the state government set up an ad hoc committee in November 1980 to implement its decision to wind up three defunct provident funds — the Government Employees Provident Fund, the Local Authorities Employees Provident Fund and the Teachers' Provident Fund.

**KUCHING** — The latest issue of Suara SGOU, the official magazine of the Sarawak Government Officers' Union, reveals widespread dissatisfaction within the civil service over a broad range of topics.

These include the failure of the government to implement its promised scholarship fund for the children of civil servants, the failure of the government to agree to a meeting of the Consultative Forum, the lack of progress over requests for special allowances for towns where there is a high cost of living and the inactivity over the winding up of several defunct provident funds.

### EDUCATION LOANS FUND

According to Suara SGOU, the Chief Minister, Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib bin Mahmud, publicly announced that the state government was to donate \$1 million to the proposed Government Officers' Children Education Loans Fund.

Coupled with this announcement, made at the Civil Service Night function held in Kuching in November 1983, the Chief Minister also announced personal donations to the fund from State and Federal Ministers amounting to \$19,500.

Since then, the Union magazine said, there had been total silence. The Union had approached the government on a number of occasions to seek discussions on the implementation of the scheme but without success.

An attempt to have a meeting of the Consultative Forum held, at which this topic was to be one of the items on the agenda was rebuffed by the government.

Although the Chief Minister had promised a \$1 million donation from the government more than three years ago, "to this day nothing further has been heard."

"This Loans Fund thus remains a dream for the civil servants who hope to see their children receive a tertiary education," Suara SGOU commented. "Without this fund, civil servants can ill-afford to send their children to university as it is beyond their means."

The establishment of this fund was initiated by former State Secretary, Datuk Amar Abang Haji Yusof Puteh who set up a committee to establish details of the Loan Fund. After various meetings, a memorandum on the subject was submitted to the government in July 1982 and this was eventually followed by the Chief Minister's announcement of the government's approval of the fund and its donation of \$1 million.

The ad hoc committee completed its work and submitted its report and recommendation to the state government in September 1982. "Since then, nothing further has been heard about this matter," Suara SGOU reported.

When the Union approached the government about this matter in February 1985, it was told that the matter was still under consideration.

Suarara SGOU's stand was that these funds should be wound up as they were out dated and superseded by the present pension scheme. The Union wanted to see all contributions to these funds returned to the contributors or their next-of-kin.

"If these funds were to be returned to the contributors they could be put to good use for housing, education and so on," the magazine said.

SGOU had included this topic in its proposed agenda for the meeting of the Consultative Forum it had requested but the government has failed to call such a meeting for the past three years.

The last meeting of the Consultative Forum was held when Datuk Amar Abang Haji Yusof was still State Secretary.

### HIGH COST OF LIVING

The Union has been told that the government was studying the Con-

sumer rice index in Bintulu Town and the result of this study would be used to decide whether the present Interim Cost of Living Allowance presently being enjoyed by civil servants serving in Bintulu is to be withdrawn or not.

The Union was informed of this when it wrote to the government pressing its long outstanding request that the Bintulu allowance be extended to civil servants in Tatau and Sebauh.

The government introduced an Interim Cost of Living Allowance for civil servants in Bintulu Town in April 1981. The Federal government followed suit in August 1982 but also granted this allowance to its civil servants serving in Tatau and Sebauh sub-districts.

The reason for this is that Tatau and Sebauh obtain their necessities from Bintulu and are thus similarly affected by the high cost of living in Bintulu.

The present situation is that Federal civil servants in Sebauh and Tatau receive a special allowance which is denied to their counterparts in the state civil service.

"Repeated representations by the Union and by the state civil servants in Sebauh and Tatau, seeking the extension of the allowance to these two towns have thus far fallen on deaf ears," Suara SGOU reported.

"This has caused considerable frustration and resentment among the civil servants concerned who have even written to the Chief Minister without success," the magazine added.

### MIRI'S COST OF LIVING

SGOU was presently carrying out a survey of the cost of living in Miri, Suara SGOU announced, and this survey has indicated that the Miri cost of living is as high as, if not higher, than in Bintulu.

"This was caused in part by the high salaries paid to oil company employees."

"Their employees are so well paid that they are able to pay any prices charged," Suara SGOU claimed.

"They can, for example, buy the first class fish at any price, while civil servants have to settle for the lower grades. The same applies to other commodities as well."

### CONSULTATIVE FORUM

According to Suara SGOU, former State Secretary Datuk Amar Abang Haji Yusof Puteh established a Consultative Forum to enable Union officials and government representatives to get together to discuss outstanding matters and to seek a solution to them.

However, since Datuk Amar Abang Haji Yusof's retirement in 1985, the government has constantly rebuffed Union efforts to have a meeting of this Consultative Forum called. As a result a number of outstanding matters of concern to the Union have remained in abeyance and the avenue through which these matters could have been solved has been blocked, thus frustrating the Union's efforts to protect the rights of civil servants and to seek a solution to their grievances.

# Bujang Nor steps in to clear air over SGOU claim

KUCHING, Tues. — THE State Secretary, Datuk Amar Haji Bujang bin Mohd Nor has issued a statement clarifying certain points raised by the vice president of the Sarawak Government Officers Union (SGOU) Mr Lawrence Hugh Zehnder, which appeared in an anti-Chief Minister broadsheet daily today.

Mr Zehnder had said that the meeting of ten SGOU central committee members with the State Secretary on April 11 was the first ever visit by the union members since he took office as State Secretary.

Datuk Amar Haji Bujang Nor pointed out that this was incorrect as a delegation of SGOU central committee members led by its president, Mr Sarjit Singh Khaira, had called on him on

Sept 4, last year. He believed that Mr Zehnder was also present on that occasion and it was regrettable that he had forgotten.

## INCORRECT

The State Secretary said that it was also incorrect to say that his meeting with the ten members of the SGOU central committee was stage managed. In fact, the delegation went to see him to clarify the issue in question of their own free will.

Datuk Amar Haji Bujang Nor expressed disappointment that Mr Sarjit Singh, as president of SGOU, had not made any effort to see him or pay him a courtesy call earlier. He had expected him to call when he took office as Acting State Secretary on May 16, 1984 after his predecessor

had gone on pre-retirement leave.

## PREDECESSOR

However, Mr Sarjit Singh had not done so, he added, and that he had failed to do so because he considered that he (Datuk Amar Haji Bujang Nor) was only Acting State Secretary and that his predecessor was still the State Secretary although he knew fully well that his predecessor had left office for good.

The State Secretary said this attitude of Mr Sarjit Singh was most unfortunate and that it was only after some persuasion by the Deputy State Secretary that he finally arranged to bring his council members to see him on Sept 4, last year, after over two years he had taken over as State Secretary.

Datuk Amar Haji Bujang

Nor said that SGOU was never neglected when it was necessary to discuss with them matter pertaining to government employees. For example, in November last year, briefing was given by him to a number of unions in regard to the Federal Government budget decision on increase the rate of interest on car loans and housing loans. SGOU was also represented at that discussion.

PEOPLE'S MIRROR, SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 1987

# SGOU stand politically motivated, says Adenan

KUCHING, Fri. — STATE Minister for Land Development Encik Adenan Satem today said the report that civil servants were unhappy with the government was politically motivated.

The report in a broadsheet daily was quoting

from the latest issue of *Suara SGOU*, the Sarawak Government Officers' Union.

"Somebody is obviously making use of SGOU for his own political purpose. That somebody is none other than Tun Rahman," said

Encik Adenan.

He said this was typical of the old trick of the former Yang di-Pertua Negeri Tun Rahman.

"There is no basis in the claim," he said.

The minister said he would be giving a fuller reply to the claim tomorrow.



ENCIK ADENAN SATEM

# AN OPEN LETTER TO DATUK DR WONG SOON KAI FROM TUN ABDUL RAHMAN

Dear Soon Kai,

Over the past week or so SUPP leaders, especially you yourself, have been doing a lot of talking to the public. You have attacked the Maju Group and in particular you have painted an ugly and distorted picture of me, your old friend.

I can still vividly remember the good times you and I shared together, with you trying hard to beat me at golf at the time, coming to each other's houses not just during Chinese New Year and Hari Raya but on other occasions as well. I thought we were good friends who trusted and supported each other. But now you are really stabbing me in the back and telling the people a lot of bad stories about me, stories you know are just a pack of lies. What happened to our friendship, Soon Kai? Just because we are on opposite sides now doesn't mean we can't still respect each other. Are a few votes more important than a friendship going back for more than ten years?

I am not going to answer all the lies you have told about me, Soon Kai. There are so many of them and I am quite busy now. But I do hope you will answer the following questions for me:

- You said there was no development when I was Chief Minister compared with now when Abdul Taib is in charge. But no government can last for 11 years if there is no development — not even a communist government could stay in power that long if it did nothing for the people. What about all the roads and schools? The industrial estates at Pending and in Sibul? The new wharf in Kuching and in Bintulu? The new airports in Kuching and Miri? What about the LNG project in Bintulu? So many I can't remember!
- No development when I was Chief Minister! But weren't you Minister for Agriculture and Community Development for about five years? Wasn't Kheng Hong Minister for Development as well? What were you SUPP Ministers doing all that time? Makan gaji Buta kah? (See page 3).

## From Page 1

● Who brought about Operation Sri Aman? More than 500 terrorists came back to society and now there is peace and no more innocent civilians are being murdered and

no more curfews which made the people suffer so much and no more children getting tricked into going into the jungle and people like yourself no longer have to give money and medicines to the terrorists like before.

- Who made sure our immigration laws weren't given up so that outsiders could come in to pinch jobs from the locals and tricky businessmen could come in to cheat our people and contractors could come and break the rice bowls of our local people? \*
- Who stopped Abdul Taib from taking away Sarawak's oil and gas rights to the Federal when he was a Minister in Kuala Lumpur?

Soon Kai, old friend, you say that Abdul Taib has brought a lot of benefits to the people since he came to power. I'll tell you a few of the things I heard about:

- He has given a lot of valuable land in and around the towns to a few top SUPP leaders and to a handful of his rich tycoon friends.
- He gave 3,000 acres of land to James Wong.
- He gave many timber licences to PBB and SUPP leaders.

How many people benefit from this? What I would like to know is what has he done to benefit the people? Not just a handful but all the people. I think your cadres in SUPP would like to know about this as well.

What I can't understand is this, Soon Kai: You say I was a lousy Chief Minister and nothing ever got done. But what were you doing all the time in the government?

I'll tell you something else I don't understand: Soon Kai: Now you say I am anti-Chinese. Where is your proof? If it is true, why did you serve in my government? You were elected to protect Chinese rights and how could you do that by supporting someone who was anti-Chinese? So why did you stay in my Cabinet? Because of the big gaji and pangkat? You say I wouldn't let people talk in Cabinet meetings — why, you so scared to talk lah!

If I am anti-Chinese like you say can you answer these questions:

- Who gave land to the Sibul Chinese Chamber of Commerce?

- Who gave farming land to Foochohs from Sarike?

● Who gave land to the farmers along Kuching-Serian Road?

- Who gave land to SUPP's Miri co-operative for a housing project?

- Why did I make sure Chinese are Chairmen of the KMC, SMC and MDC?

- Why did I get the Sarawak Chinese Association to dissolve to consolidate SUPP's position and power?

- Why did I get Di George Chan Hong Nam to join SUPP and why did

I get you to join SUPP and then make you a Minister?

You know, Soon Kai, I have sent a lot of students overseas to study at my own expense. Some Chinese, some Malays, some Ibans. Right now there are four Chinese students studying in England at my expense — Andrew Cheong, Peter Cheong Siong Yan, Bernard Yap and Patsy Chin. How many students are you sponsoring?

Why did you say bad things about me because of Operation Judas? You say I am very bad because I arrested people who were helping the communists. But if I was very bad I would have arrested you, wouldn't I? Remember you wrote to me from overseas and said "So sorry Datuk, I was helping the communists and gave them donations. Please don't let them lock me up".

Really, Soon Kai! You are going too far saying all those bad things about me now.

What about SUPP, Soon Kai? What are you people doing to the party now? If Abdul Taib is defeated what are you going to do? Will you sink with him and withdraw from the government?

Are you and the other SUPP leaders willing to sacrifice Chinese political interests just for the sake of Abdul Taib? If you are, then you are the people who are anti-Chinese!

Did you get the Central Working Committee and the members to agree to

your present course of action or are you and the other top leaders so powerful in the party that just a few of you decide what the party will do and who the party will choose to stand for?

Can you and the top leadership deny that Abdul Taib has given you land and timber licences? I don't mean in your own name of course, but in the names of nominees.

For 25 years the Chinese have been building up SUPP. Now, not come to one month, you are going to destroy it. What will the Chinese do then? Who will they blame? Not me!

Why do you let people like Stephen Yong to cling to power like a leech for so long — ever since the party started? Who brought the young people like you and George Chan into the party to make sure new leadership is available?

How would you like to have an open debate with me on all these matters Soon Kai — you and your clique that is running SUPP now? Any time, any place, I don't mind. Maybe then your party will know what you are doing and how you are using the party.

Before you always came to me for advice and now I want to give you one more piece of advice. Don't let your people go around saying bad things about the Dayaks. You make them angry, very dangerous you know! For Sibul people not so bad but soon all the Chinese in the rural areas and places like Kapit, Lundu, Saratok, Kanowit will be very scared. Bad for business, bad for the Chinese, but for Sarawak.

Don't play with fire, Soon Kai, it isn't worth it!





# SOON KAI REPLIES TUN RAHMAN'S OPEN LETTER

Dear Tun Rahman,  
Greetings!

I don't have the privilege to see the column in your newspapers to reply your open letter of April 11. Tun, I'm very sad that our friendship for over ten years has now degenerated into different camps and you only choose to communicate with me through an open letter.

You accused me of stabbing you at the back. Tun, please do a bit of soul searching for yourself and let me tell you these:-

- (1) Since I got to know you I respect you and treat you as a trustworthy friend. When you were sick in England, my wife, and I flew all the way to see you there. We gave you moral boost when you were having the operation. When your sickness showed signs of improvement, we felt greatly relieved. We also made a special trip to see your late wife when she was hospitalized in London.
- (2) Tun, I fail to see why you take my sincerity and kindness with sarcasm; you even try every means to destroy me politically:-
  - (a) In 1977, you instigated a few S.U.P.P. members to create havoc within the party and this caused a split in S.U.P.P., then. This was the first time you stabbed me at the back, Tun!
  - (b) In 1978's Parliamentary Election, you fielded these dissident members of S.U.P.P. as independent candidates to fight against S.U.P.P. You tried to defeat me through a subtle but in the most devious manner. You stabbed me at the back for a second time!
  - (c) In 1979, you collaborated with Chong Siew Chiang and brought DAP into Sarawak with the sole purpose of attacking S.U.P.P. This was your third stab at my back.
  - (d) For 1982's Parliamentary Election, you gave DAP all the helps including vote-buying and betting to my disadvantage. I lost the election and this was your fourth stab which hurt me deeply!
- (3) You mentioned about Operation Judas and I could quote one case: One Chinese tycoon became a victim of this operation just because at one time he was not your supporter. You know this Chinese tycoon hated the underground elements like anything but you chose to put him together with many others behind bars. But when you went to see him you hugged him and shed some crocodile tears. Why this false pretension, Tun? You may have read "The Price of Loyalty" by Datuk Amar James Wong. You should understand the feeling of a political detainee who was victimised for something he never did. There is one paragraph which said that he was never a traitor and neither did he collaborate with Brunei at any one time. I couldn't hold my tears after reading this part. Tun, this was only one case of how you backstabbed people.
- (4) Tun, you also talked about development. You must know that in this six-year term as Chief Minister Datuk Taib had allocated more than six times the development funds that you had allocated in your 11-year period as Chief Minister. Sibu's new general hospital was postponed because you insisted to build it at the land of the late Tun Tuanku Bujang at Bukit Lima. You know this land is a bottomless swampy area. The site was changed to Bukit Lima in spite of the fact that I went against this site in the cabinet, and this hospital project was delayed until today! Also you wanted to end grade the need of Sibu airport in favour of Bintulu because you had vested interest in the existing airport land in Bintulu. In the end both Sibu and Bintulu could not get a new airport until today.
- (5) Tun, you know too well that Sibu Town did not get her fair share of development in your time. You remember how I plead to you for years, either personally or in the cabinet, for funds to improve the Lanang Road but you simply found various excuses to deny its allocation until some time before you retired as Chief Minister. In the six-year period of Datuk Taib, there has been marked improvement in infrastructure development and general conditions in Sibu. Even the Kereta Api Road in Kuching was shelved not until Taib's time to have it done. You talked of freedom of worship but during your term you never allocated funds for other religious bodies amongst the community. Datuk Taib has been more liberal and sympathetic towards other religious domination than you, Tun!
- (6) You also boasted of freedom of speech but the people would not forget your iron-rule to close down newspaper like the Sarawak Vanguard. Look at Datuk Taib's liberal attitude: despite your newspapers making repeated allegations, lies and abuses they are still left untouched.
- (7) Tun, I understand many Sarawakians would like to know:-
  - (i) How many Blue Identity Cards were issued to those illegal Indonesian immigrants during your term of Chief Ministership?
  - (ii) How many Non-Malay (Chinese, Iban, etc) were enticed by you one way or another to become Muslim converts when they came to you applying for some licences?
- (8) Tun, you said I backstabbed but, in fact all this while I only oppose your political intrigue of having staged the Ming-Court coup. I have the moral obligation and political conviction to tell the people the truth and the facts of the rebel group with you. I know the people of Sarawak would not want you to come back again to rule and in the process cause so much chaos and sorrow for our people for nothing.
- (9) Tun, I declare publicly that since I joined offices in the government, I have never got any land or timber licence either for myself or so-called nominees. You know, Tun, that in your 11-year term as Chief Minister, I have never asked for these personal benefits. Yes, I did go to you asking for funds so that there were more development which could benefit the people. But, Tun, could you state the same in public that during your time you have never obtained the privileges of timber concessions and others for yourself, your friends or relatives or your nominees?
- (10) I know Tun that your health is not good. When you were the T.Y.T. you had to go to England once every 3 months. Every time we had to arrange a specialist doctor and a nurse to accompany you there. At the same time we had to employ two acting T.Y.T. to manage the public affairs in your absence. Sometimes, you stayed in London for 8 to 9 months in one year and the expenses had to be borne by public funds. Tun, our Yang Di Pertuan Agong and Tan Sri Tan Chye Khoo had both advised you to retire from politics and enjoy your remaining years. Tun, it is not good to you neither is it good for the people of Sarawak for you to return to power in the government. Under your mastery the Chinese community has split into 2 opposite camps, the Dayak Community was also in 2 groups — one in SNAP and the other one in PBDS; Even the Malay/Melanau Community was divided into two — one for Taib and the other one for you!
- (11) Last but not least, Tun, I wish to give you a piece of humble advice: Please spend your remaining years wisely and peacefully and leave Datuk Taib to rule Sarawak in his own style. I pray that you still could have good health and a happy life.

Yours faithfully

SOON KAI  
12.4.1987

# Bujang: I was just there as observer

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. — Deputy Education Minister Haji Bujang Ulis today said he was an observer at the meeting of the group of Sarawak dissident Assemblymen here on Tuesday.

"Is it wrong to attend the meeting to keep abreast of what is happening in Sarawak when I am a Member of Parliament from that State and when Bersatu is making such a serious call as the immediate resignation of Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Taib Mahmud who is also my party president?" he said.

"Does it mean that one's attendance is an indication of support for the group?" he asked.

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## Bujang Ulis criticised for supporting Maju

KUCHING, Mon. — Sarawak Land Development Minister Adenan Satem criticised Deputy Education Minister Haji Bujang Ulis, who is campaigning for the Maju group, as a "man without principles".

Encik Adenan said Haji Bujang's decision to support the Maju group led by Tun Rahman Yakub did not surprise him as the Deputy Minister was "noted for his fickleness and as a leader without any stand".

Meanwhile, Haji Bujang, who had declared his support for the opposition group yesterday, started campaigning in the Petra Jaya constituency last night.

The Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu (PBB) vice-president said he declared his support for Tun Rahman and

"There are others who did not attend the meeting but openly told the dissident State Assemblymen that they can count on their support in the group's bid to topple Datuk Taib," he explained.

He felt these people were more dangerous than those who attended the meeting as observers.

He was commenting on Press reports from Kuching today that he would be given a show cause letter to explain why he was present at the Bersatu meeting on Tuesday.

Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu (PBB) disciplinary committee chairman Datuk Dr Sulaiman Daud said this when commenting on Haji Bu-

the Maju group in view of the current political situation in Sarawak.

"I do not want to be a hypocrite. I had to make this decision though it is a painful one," he said at his first campaign ceramah at Kampung Semarang last night.

### In doubt

He also said it was pointless for him to continue supporting the State Government under Datuk Patinggi Abdul Taib Mahmud when his loyalty to the leader was doubted.

"Earlier, I had already explained that I was with the 27 dissident State Assemblymen in Kuala Lumpur as an observer. Since then I have not been invited to any party meetings, including the one to

jang's presence at the Bersatu meeting.

Haji Bujang, who is a PBB vice-president, said he was not the only Federal Deputy Minister at the meeting.

In fact, he said, Deputy Works Minister Kalakau Untol was also present.

Meanwhile, Datuk Dr Sulaiman Daud today clarified that a show cause letter would be given to Haji Bujang if only investigations by the disciplinary committee showed he was involved with the group.

He added that in this respect, the disciplinary committee would be sending these letters to the eight PBB dissident State Assemblymen as they had publicly denounced Datuk Taib's leadership.

He named them as PBB vice-president Wan Madzhi Wan Mahdair, women's wing leader and former State Social Development Minister Datuk Hajah Hafsa Harun, Supreme Council member and former State Minister for Tourism and Environment, Datuk Haji Noor Tahir, Supreme Council member Hilary Tawan Abdullah, former vice-president Datuk Wan Yusoff Tuanku Haji Bujang (Assemblyman for Kalaka), Assemblyman Datuk Tajang Saing and Encik Zainuddin Saem and deputy Youth wing leader Wan Za'nal Wan Senusi.

choose the candidates in my constituency."

Haji Bujang is the Member of Parliament for Simunjan, in which are the State constituencies of Semera and Gedong.

Several leaders from Unso are also campaigning for the Maju group, including Datuk Zulkifli Abdul Hamid.

At a ceramah in Kampung Istana Lama in Petra Jaya last night, Datuk Zulkifli said he was campaigning for the Maju group to ensure the Sabah incident would not happen in Sarawak.

"Malays in Sarawak are still safe because the Dayaks are willing to co-operate and compromise with them. Thus, don't reject them because they are also one of the majority groups here."

## Taib to Bujang: Quit as Minister

KUCHING, Tues. — Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Taib Mahmud has challenged Deputy Education Minister Haji Bujang Ulis to resign from his ministerial post and face the Barisan Nasional in a by-election in his Simunjan parliamentary constituency.

Haji Bujang, who is Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu (PBB) vice-president, declared his support for the Maju group on Sunday. He is now campaigning for Persekutuan Rakyat Malaysia Sarawak (Permas) and Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak (PBDS) — the Maju group parties.

### A denial

Datuk Taib said Haji Bujang should relinquish his post instead of clinging to it and yet support the opposition.

Meanwhile, Land and Regional Development Minister Datuk Dr Sulaiman Daud has refuted allegations that he is leaving PBB to join Permas, reports *Bernama*.

Datuk Dr Sulaiman, who is also a PBB vice-president, said he would always remain in the party and the question of leaving to the join the opposition had never crossed his mind.

The allegations surfaced following the public announcement by Haji Bujang his (Haji Bujang's) support for Permas two days ago.

# Dacing & the Dayak factors



**KUCHING, Mon:** The influence of Barisan Nasional's "dacing" symbol and the support of the Dayak community are key factors that will determine the outcome of the Sarawak state election, polling for which is on Wednesday and Thursday.

The symbol of the BN, which for a long time has been associated with development and progress, has more or less embedded itself in the minds of the people.

The people in the interior areas, where illiteracy abounds, have come to accept the "dacing" as "a good sign."

This, to a certain extent, explains why the BN has been able to garner enough votes to remain in power.

"Kumpulan Maju," the main opposition group in this election, has acknowledged the influence of the "dacing" which may prove to be a stumbling block to its chances of victory.

Former Yang diPertua Negeri Tun Haji Abdul Rahman Yakub, coordinator of the group which comprises the Parti Bersa Dayak Sarawak (PBDS) and Persatuan Rakyat Malaysia Sarawak (Permas) had said there was too little time to get the people accustomed to the logos of the two parties.

PBDS is using its own logo after having excluded itself from the state Barisan Nasional in the election, Permas was only registered as a political party last month.

PBDS preferred to leave the BN fold in the election because, claiming to be rightful representatives of the Dayak community, it wanted to contest in more than the eight constituencies it would have been allocated as a BN partner.

It has fielded candidates in 21 of the 26 Dayak-majority constituencies, leaving the remaining five to be contested by Permas which has candidates in 16 other areas.

In 10 of the 21 constituencies contested by PBDS, the BN is represented by candidates from the Sarawak National Party (SNAP), which itself depends largely on Dayak support.

Observers admit it is difficult to predict which side - SNAP or PBDS - the Dayak votes will swing to because both parties have put up what they claim to be credible Dayak candidates.

(PBDS was formed just before the state election in 1983 by Dayak leaders who left SNAP because they were unhappy with the leadership of SNAP president Datuk Amar James Wong).

In this election, PBDS is asking the Dayak Community to "summon your sense of nationalism and pride as Dayaks", to vote for the party and prevent themselves from being divided.

The party's appeal seems natural because the allegiance of the Dayak community is now divided among the PBDS and Permas and the BN partners of Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu (PBB), the Sarawak United People's Party (SUPP) and SNAP.

Similarly divided are the Malays (between the PBB and Permas) and the Chinese (among SUPP, SNAP PERMAS and the Democratic Action Party).

This division of the people across rather than along racial lines diminishes the feat at the outset of the election that racialism and extremism would dominate politics in Sarawak.

The manifesto of the BN and the "Kumpulan Maju" have also ruled out the politics of racialism.

The BN manifesto stressed on the importance of averting racial polarisation. The manifesto of the "Kumpulan Maju" emphasised the need to channel the hopes of all races towards greater national consciousness.

The question now is who the votes will go to? The BN is confident of winning 36 of the 48 seats. Chief Minister and state BN chairman Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud says the BN may have some problem in 12 constituencies though he did not name any of them.

However, other BN officials say the coalition can secure even up to 42 seats.

The "Kumpulan Maju" is equally confident of forming the next state government and has spoken of taking 30 seats.

The DAP is also talking about a state government offering itself as a minority partner.

Then, of course, there are the 16 independents and the sole Beratu candidate, to contend with.

But in all probability, the battle is confined to between the BN and the "Kumpulan Maju."

This is because the election was forced to be held almost two years ahead of schedule by the defection of 27 assemblymen who staged an abortive attempt last month to oust the Chief Minister from office.

All but one of these former assemblymen are candidates of Permas or PBDS and the majority of them are seeking re-election in their former constituencies.

"Kumpulan Maju" has received all 11th hour morale booster by way of support for Permas from PBB vice-president Haji Bujang Ulis but how far the move will affect voting is left to be seen.

The BN, on the other hand, is looking forward to the visit to Sarawak, tomorrow, of Prime Minister and BN chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, which observers say could have great impact on the support for the coalition.

Already the BN has an advantage over the "Kumpulan Maju" in the form of better communication network and transport facilities to reach far and wide in a state almost as large as Peninsular Malaysia.

And this has been able to within the time constraint of eight days between Nomination Day on April 6 and polling on Wednesday and Thursday.

The outcome of the election will depend to a certain extent on how far the "Kumpulan Maju" has been able to flash around the logos of Permas and PBDS and convince the electorate that they can substitute the "dacing."

It will also depend on the votes of the Dayaks - most of whom live in the interior areas - who make up almost one-third of the population of the state.

All points considered, the BN seems to have the edge. -Bernama.

The Sarawak election

# Timber rights and Dayakism are two big issues

Datuk Taib-Tun Rahman feud also comes to the fore

## Regional comment

By **ALBERT RAMALINGAM**  
of the Foreign Desk

**KUCHING** — In the run-up to the state's election today and tomorrow, Sarawak's politicians have just screamed "timber" and brought crashing into the open scandals over logs and the billions of dollars allegedly involved.

Sarawak's highly-politicised 625,000 voters, quite frankly, were aghast.

"It's mind-boggling," said a lawyer as he took out his pocket calculator and began working out the sheer dollar terms of the timber concessions.

The timber scandal emerged when the story broke that the Sarawak state government had revoked the licences of 25 companies.

Even though the state government did not give the sizes of the concessions, sources said they cover a total area of 1.3 million acres.

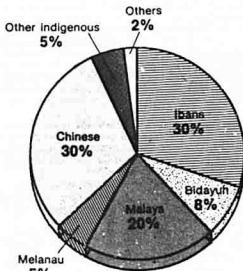
The announcement overshadowed two fast-rising issues — the emergence of Dayakism and its place in Sarawak's political arena, and the bitter quarrel between an uncle and his nephew. In both, too, the shadow of the jungle with its vast timber resources looms.

### Scandal began in February

Though the log scandal erupted publicly on March 11, the sequence of events goes back to the end of February when Parti Bangsa Dayak Sarawak (PBDS), the Dayak-based party in the ruling National Front coalition, held its annual general meeting in the port town of Sibuan.

It was an angry meeting. The Ibans and Bidayus, collectively known as Dayaks, complained that they were deprived, though they comprise nearly 38 per cent of Sarawak's population.

## Population by race



Sarawak Population: 1.47 million

Note: Ibans and Bidayuh known collectively as Dayaks. Malays and Melanau mostly Muslims.

"It's time we stopped being corporals and became generals," said Deputy Chief Minister and PBDS Deputy President Datuk Daniel Tajem, voicing the opinion of many in the party. It is a quotation now seen in election posters put up by the party.

From that moment, events moved quickly and Dayak aspirations became intertwined with the simmering family dispute between Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahruud and his uncle, Tun Haji Abdul Rahman Yakub, the Yang di-Pertua Negeri or Governor from

1981 to 1985 and Chief Minister for the previous 11 years.

The dispute has its root in a personal and bitter family squabble between the two.

Datuk Taib and his supporters have accused Tun Rahman of harbouring ambitions of a comeback. On their part, Tun Rahman and his people have blamed Datuk Taib for being high-handed and aloof.

### Political scene shifted rapidly

How rapidly the political scene shifted can be seen from events related by PBDS and other party leaders.

**Early March:** Tun Rahman flew to Kuala Lumpur, booked into Ming Court Hotel and called on dissident state assemblymen to join him there.

Unknown to the Chief Minister, 27 of the 48 state assemblymen left for Kuala Lumpur in separate groups.

Each was met at Subang Airport by a chauffeur with a Mercedes. A whole floor of the Ming Court was booked and tight security was maintained.

**March 10:** The English-language Sarawak Tribune ran a major story on the defections and Datuk Taib was for the first time alerted of the missing assemblymen.

The Chief Minister was also told there was an unusual amount of transferring of timber concessions



**DATUK TAIB**  
... ordered that 25 timber concessions be revoked.

from one person to another.

**March 11:** Datuk Taib ordered 25 concessions revoked. This was to stop money from flowing into opposition coffers.

The logging was to be carried out by the Sarawak Timber Industrial Development Corporation, a statutory board, to minimise the loss of employment, and not by private contractors of the concession holders.

**March 12:** Datuk Taib ordered all state government departments and statutory bodies to withdraw their money from Sarawak's Bank Utama (Malaysia) Berhad, of which Tun Rahman is the majority shareholder.

On this day alone, M\$150 million was withdrawn.



**TUN RAHMAN**  
... accused of harbouring ambitions of a comeback.

**March 13:** Datuk Taib asked Yang di-Pertua Negeri Datuk Patinggi Haji Ahmad Zaidi Adrus to dissolve the State Assembly and call for new elections.

### Accusations of favouritism

The story of Datuk Taib's revocation of the timber concessions, made public by newspapers and dissident assemblymen, was a near-fatal blow to the dissidents for it was big money.

Timber dealers here said that each acre of timber concession should yield 16 tonnes of timber.

Current prices of timber are between M\$450 and M\$600 a tonne. Even at the low price of M\$500 a tonne, the 25 concessions of 1.3 million acres should have yielded nearly M\$10.5 billion.

As Sarawakians worked out the billions, Tun Rahman and his dissident camp accused the Chief Minister of giving out timber concessions to a favoured few.

Tun Rahman said that in his years as Chief Minister, he had given out concessions to all state assemblymen in order that they might help their constituents.

Tun Rahman, at a press conference, distributed a list of the concessions and acreage given by his nephew.

He declined newsmen's requests for a list of timber concessions given out during the 11 years he was Chief Minister.

In turn, officials of the Chief Minister's Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu (PBB) released to news-

men details of timber concessions and acreage given by Tun Rahman while he was Chief Minister.

They declined to disclose concessions given out by Datuk Taib.

Sarawakians had to work out who over the years had become instant millionaires. Nearly every state assemblyman over the years was one.

Dayak leaders were heard complaining that few Dayak leaders were given timber concessions, adding fuel to the allegation that they were a deprived lot.

### PBDS exploited the situation

The latent resurgence of Dayakism took on new dimensions and the Dayak-based PBDS, now aligned with Tun Rahman and dissident state assemblymen, exploited this dissatisfaction in its election campaign.

The Dayaks are predominant in 21 of the 48 state constituencies, mostly in the interior and rural areas.

Most of these seats are likely to go to the PBDS making it tough for Datuk Taib and the state National Front, including the PBB and the Sarawak United People's Party (SUPP) and the Sarawak National Party (Snap).

That is why this election campaign is being fought in the Dayak constituencies.

One saving grace for the state National Front is the size and topography of Sarawak. The problems of campaigning in Sarawak — which is as big in size as Peninsular Malaysia and much more rocky and forested — are aplenty.

### Advantage of incumbency

The Dayak villages are tucked deep in the forests and are only accessible by river or helicopter.

Datuk Taib and the National Front have the advantage of incumbency. They have access to all the 12 helicopters owned by the state-run Hornbill Skyway, causing the opposition to cry "foul!"

In addition they have leased seven helicopters and pilots from private Indonesian companies. And they control the airwaves.

## Sarawak State Assembly

(At March 11 dissolution)

<b>PBB:</b> Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu	16 seats
Malay & Melanau Muslims mainly	
<b>Leader:</b> Datuk Patinggi Abdul Taib Mahmud	
<b>SUPP:</b> Sarawak United People's Party	12 seats
Chinese, some Ibans & Bidayus	
<b>Leader:</b> Datuk Amar Stephen Yong	
<b>PBDS:</b> Parti Bangsa Dayak Sarawak	7 seats
Ibans & Bidayus mostly	
<b>Leader:</b> Datuk Leo Moggie	
<b>SNAP:</b> Sarawak National Party	7 seats
Chinese & some Ibans	
<b>Leader:</b> Datuk James Wong	
<b>Independents:</b> Three are ex-PBB	6 seats
All joined Rahmah Yakub—Leo Moggie before dissolution	

# ENSURE BN WIN ALL THE WAY, SAYS Dr M

PRIME Minister Datuk Patinggi Dr Mahathir Mohamad said here today it was important for the State Barisan Nasional to win the elections to ensure the continued participation of the multi-racial community.

This would ensure stability and progress, and for fair distribution in development, he said.

Datuk Patinggi Dr Mahathir arrived here with BN leaders accompanied by Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud to rally support for the State BN.

The national president of BN said he was here with leaders of the component parties as it was his responsibility to ensure the well-being of the State BN.

"The State BN was elected under the leadership of Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib to ensure that the administration of the State runs according to the fundamentals of democracy," he said.

The Prime Minister urged the large crowd to vote for the State BN so that all groups and races could work together.

He said although his visit might be short, he expressed

the hope that this would help in the victory of the State BN by giving support as the leader from the BN component parties.

Datuk Patinggi Mahathir explained: "After electing a government, it must be allowed to continue to administer the state. If the continuation of the government is hindered, the government may not be able to develop the state accordingly. A change of government does not necessarily be of benefit to the people. The rakyat will stand to lose.

He cited the concrete houses he saw on arrival in Matu-Daro as a sign of development having taken place under the State BN in the area.

He reiterated that a change of government would only hinder the pace of development.

The Prime Minister said that the BN government would uphold the multi-racial concept without particularly emphasising on one particular community.

The BN was for all races, otherwise, the government would not be stable, he said.

The BN concept was the sharing of development with all communities in the government and problems that crop-

ped up could be discussed amicably.

"Without BN, I fear that only one or two places will stand to benefit which in such scenario will not promote peace and stability. The multi-racial participation must be practised," he said.

He pointed out that since Independence the BN component parties had effectively contributed towards growth and stability in the country.

Later in Sarikei, Datuk Patinggi Dr Mahathir said only when there was no struggle or fighting in the country between various groups, could the country develop as planned by the government.

He noted the various races living together in peace as "ri-yy want to see peace."

He said the elected government in Sarawak really cared for all the people, and the people of Sarikei were of no exception.

The Prime Minister was speaking at the laying of the foundation stone of a civic centre in Sarikei.

The State Government had made provisions of a dewan in Sarikei where all communities could meet and discuss their problems and their convictions

which would help the country, he pointed out.

He said the country had seen harmonious relationship among the various communities. "That is what we would like to see in this country," he added.

The Prime Minister said the government would like to give everything that the people wanted but this could never be possible.

"We must realise that it is necessary to have a station of stability in this country so that we can get all the benefits in our independent country," he said.

Sarawak had been stable for a long time, he added.

He called on the voters to vote for the State BN to ensure a government for the benefit of all the people.

Accompanying the Prime Minister on his visit to rally support for the State BN were president of MCA Datuk Dr Ling Liong Sik, the president of MIC Datuk Samy Vellu and the president of Gerakan Datuk Dr Lim Kheng Yaik.

# Mahathir leads team in campaign

# Barisan show

# of solidarity

By ZAINON AHMAD

**SIBU, Tues.** — The Barisan Nasional backs all the 48 candidates contesting under its banner in the Sarawak State elections.

Its chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said this was in the "family tradition" of the Barisan Nasional.

To symbolise this support, Dr Mahathir arrived in the State with leaders of the other component parties of the coalition — MCA president Datuk Dr Ling Liong Sik, MIC president Datuk S. Samy Vellu and Gerakan president Datuk Dr Lim Keng Yaik.

Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu (PBB), the Sarawak United People's Party (SUPP) and Sarawak National Party (SNAP) are fielding 48 candidates in order to once again form the Barisan Nasional Government of the State.

The show of support today is expected to silence claims that the Sarawak Barisan Nasional parties had been abandoned by their counterparts and the leaders from the peninsula.

During their four-hour visit Dr Mahathir and his Cabinet colleagues visited the township of Matu in the State constituency of Matu Daro where PBB incumbent Wahab Dollah is challenged by former Yang di-Pertua Negeri and Persatuan Rakyat Malaysia Sarawak (Permas) president Tun Abdul Rahman Yakub.

They also visited Sarikei in Repok State constituency where SUPP incumbent David Teng is strongly challenged by the DAP.

In Sarikei, Dr Mahathir laid the foundation stone of a community centre.

He delivered the same message when speaking at the gatherings in Matu and Sarikei but said that though it was delivered at these two places it was meant for the whole State.

The speeches were broadcast live by RTM Sarawak.

He said it was unfortunate that the Government had to be dissolved in mid-term

when many development projects were still in the process of being implemented.

Dr Mahathir hoped this would not recur in the State and elsewhere in the country as it would affect development programmes and the losers would be the people.

He said should any change be desired, it should be carried out in an orderly manner and through consultations so that it would not affect the administration and necessitate a general election.

The people must continue to preserve the

## 'Family spirit' is the Barisan way

Malaysian family spirit and each race must avoid projecting its needs without regard for the needs of the others.

"No race can have its needs fully and absolutely satisfied. This is just not possible if the harmony of our multi-racial society is to be maintained," he said.

However, he said, if these needs were presented for discussion by all parties then a consensus could be reached.

Dr Mahathir said this was the way the Barisan Nasional-operated and hoped this spirit would be maintained.

He said the Barisan Nasional concept had brought about a fair power-sharing among all communities and did not take into consideration the interests of one community only.

"We cannot think only of the interests of one community as this will create dissatisfaction among the other communities."

The Prime Minister said that in the peninsula the Malays were in the majority but had established a tradition of co-operation with the other communities.

Likewise, the majority community in Sarawak needs to co-operate with the other communities, he said.

The population of Sarawak is made up of about 46 per cent Dayaks, 30 per cent Chinese and 24 per cent Malays.

# VOTE BARISAN FOR STABILITY: MAHATHIR

SIBU, Tues. — Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad asked Sarawakians to vote in the Barisan Nasional to ensure continued stability and development in the State.

Dr Mahathir said a change of Government in mid-stream would create uncertainty and if such a precedent was set it would happen again.

Speaking to about 1,300 people at Matu, near here, Dr Mahathir said 'I' people would eventually suffer because of this instability.

In his speech, Dr Mahathir avoided touching on the personalities involved in the election. However, he referred to the two main issues being

used by the Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak and Permas.

The two parties have said that while they supported the Barisan, they were against the leadership of Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Taib Mahmud.

Both parties also said that the Dayaks had been left out of the mainstream of the Government under Datuk Patinggi Taib.

Dr Mahathir said that if component parties were not happy with a certain leader, they should meet and decide who should rule and what posts should be given to whom.

"If the majority feel that the Government should be changed, they should do it

through proper channels and not inconvenience the people.

"This is not what is happening now if a precedent of changing a Government in mid-stream is done once, it will recur and will impede Sarawak's progress," he said.

Dr Mahathir said, "I believe the people of Sarawak support the Barisan and its principles. All ethnic groups are represented in the Barisan.

"We must remember that we cannot champion only one race. We must think of all the races. Only then can we be said to be fair."

Dr Mahathir was accompanied by MCA president Datuk Dr Ling Liang Sik,

Gerakan president Dr Lim Keng Yaik and MIC president Datuk S Samy Vellu.

He said the Barisan felt it was its duty to support the Sarawak Barisan "because we want to ensure all the races are represented in the Government."

Later, at Sarikei, Dr Mahathir told a gathering that Malaysia did not have a history of violence amongst the races unlike other countries.

He attributed this to the Barisan's concept of power sharing amongst the different ethnic groups.

Tun Abdul Rahman was not at Mato-Daro to meet Dr Mahathir. Dr Mahathir's speech was broadcast live on Radio Sarawak.



Dr Mahathir with Datuk Patinggi Taib on his arrival in Matu yesterday to campaign for the Barisan Nasional

## Sarawak polls: Full results out by noon on Friday

KUCHING, Mon. — The full results of the Sarawak state election will be known only by noon on Friday.

State Election Commission chief Abang Roseli Abang Pating said today that the counting of votes in a few constituencies could only be done on Friday because of accessibility problems.

He explained that owing to bad weather and other problems, there is a possibility that counting might be delayed because the ballot boxes might get stranded.

In other constituencies, the expected tough fight between the Barisan Nasional and the opposition parties may necessitate re-counting, causing the results to be delayed.

Abang Roseli said in the 233 state election, the first result was known at 10.30pm. However, this

time, the first result is only expected after midnight.

He said that in the last election, counting in three constituencies was conducted the following day because the ballot boxes got stranded.

Counting begins tomorrow and vote counting will begin on Thursday at 7.30pm. Abang Roseli said they have hired 14 aircraft, including eight helicopters, to ferry the ballot boxes to the counting stations.

He said election officers left yesterday for the polling stations in the interior.

A total of 787 polling centres will be opened on the first day of the polling and on the second day, 766 centres will be opened.

Belaga constituency has the smallest number of 5,726 voters and the Padunggan seat has the highest number of 30,882 voters.



ACP Mohd Jamil Johari

# Dy CP: We are ready for polling days

KUCHING, Tues.- Police today advised the people in Sarawak to come out in full force, without any fear, to cast their votes during the two-day polling for the state election beginning tomorrow.

State Deputy Commissioner of Police Mohamed Jamil Johari said sufficient number of police personnel had been stationed in all towns and strategic areas across the state to ensure smooth polling.

He also said more personnel on reserve could be summoned to assist those on duty.

"We assure the public that we will not hesitate to take necessary action against trouble-makers," he told Bernama.

Enck Mohamed Jamil said the security situation in the state was normal and that the police appreciated the "respectable and responsible manner," in which the political parties had conducted themselves so far.

He said that since Nomination Day on April 6, police had received only 33 reports of minor offences such as tearing down of posters or banners, compared to the 47 reports lodged during the campaign period in the previous state election in 1983.

He appealed to all concerned to continue with the commendable behaviour to enable the voters to cast their ballots without fear of insecurity.

He warned that police would not tolerate any victory rally or procession, either by vehicles on an foot after results of the election had been announced.

He called on the public to follow the results of the election over radio and television at home rather than crowding the various counting centres.

Enck Mohamed Jamil also advised the people not to listen to rumours, warning that the penalty for rumour-mongering was a fine of up to \$1,000 or a jail of up to one year, or both.

He said the police would also be strict against pranksters and those who make hoax telephone calls, adding that the penalty for these offences was a fine of up to \$500 or a jail term of up to six months, or both.

Counting of votes will begin at 46 centres at 7.30 pm on Thursday and the first result is expected to be announced at about 11 pm.

## Vote without fear: EC

KUCHING, Mon.— The Election Commission today advised voters in the state to exercise their right to vote in the state election on Wednesday and Thursday without fear of intimidation.

Commission Secretary Haji Abdul Rashid Abdul Rahman said they should also be careful not to fall prey to those who might try to prevent them from going to the polls.

They should never part with their identity cards and should bring them along to the polling centres without which they would not be able to vote, he told Bernama here.

Haji Rashid arrived here from Kuala Lumpur today as commenting on 'local press reports that some people were collecting the identity cards of voters in an apparent attempt to prevent them from going to the polls.

Haji Rashid said it was an offence to pay anyone or to treat them to food and

drinks so as to get them to vote for a particular candidate or to prevent them from voting.

"Voters must be allowed to make up their own minds and vote freely," he said.

He said voters could seek assistance on the polling stations they should go to from booths opened by political parties near polling centres but should not carry any banner or poster into the centres.

Haji Rashid also advised the people against crowding at counting centres on Thursday night to obtain results of the election.

He said they could stay in the comfort of their homes and follow the results broadcast through the night over the radio and television.

A total of 787 polling centres will be opened on the first day of polling, mostly in the interior areas. On the second day, 766 centres will be opened.

Haji Rashid said more polling centres were being used in this election be-

cause of the increase by 72,686 to 625,270 in the number of voters compared with the last state election in 1983.

There are a total of 11,904 postal voters, the majority of whom are army personnel.

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# I'm prepared to return title - Hafсах

**KUCHING** - Datuk Hajjah Hafсах Harun said yesterday that she was prepared to return her Datukship if the title was conferred on her for loyalty to Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud.

In a statement, she said: "I refer to the speech made by Datuk Taib at the rally in Bintulu on March 24 where he stated that I was ungrateful after he obtained for me the Datukship."

"If this title is conferred upon me as a reward for political support only and not for the services I have rendered to the rakyat, I am willing to surrender it back to the Yang di-Pertua Negeri Sarawak," she said.

She added: "I am contacting the TYT's office to find out why I was given the award and, if it was for loyalty to Datuk Taib, I shall return it immediately. I am more than happy to be referred to merely as Hajjah Hafсах. I served to help the people, not to seek recognition."

Datuk Hajjah Hafсах was conferred the PNBS, which carries the title Datuk, last year.

Datuk Hajjah Hafсах, who was former Minister for Social Development, resigned to join the Maju group along with three other Ministers on March 9.

**KUCHING** - Datuk Hajjah Hafсах Harun yesterday denied having quit from PERMAS in order to rally behind her opponent, Puan Hajjah Sharifah Mordiah of PBB.

The former Minister for Social Development was denying allegations made in a flying letter circulated to the Petra Jaya constituents which indicated her quit move purportedly due to her husband's disagreement with her involvement with PERMAS.

"The letter, purportedly to have been signed by me had many irregularities in it," Datuk Hafсах told the Tribune.

"Firstly, an old PERMAS letterhead no longer used by its members was used for the letter; then, the signature was different and last of all, the style was entirely different from my usual style of writing missives."

She explained that her letters usually

begin with the Islamic greeting of "Assalamualaikum warahmahtullahi wabarrahkathu," and the same for the ending. All these, she said, were absent on the flying letter.

She attributed the distribution of the letter as a desperate ploy by the opposition to confuse and mislead the voters in order to garner support for themselves.

Nevertheless, she is confident of the maturity of the voters, whom she feels can see through any disguise by the candidates to mislead them.

With regard to PBB Vice-President Haji Bujang Uli's decision to rally behind the Maju group, Datuk Hafсах welcomed his move which she said reflects his maturity and integrity, a thing worthy of a Deputy Minister and a leader.

"I know all along Haji Bujang was with us, if not physically, at least in spirit since he has experienced being

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## I am still with PERMAS - Hafсах



Datuk Hafсах Harun

made use of by Datuk Taib to denigrate someone else.

"I wish all the other colleagues in PBB would be daring enough to tell the Chief Minister that he (the CM) is wrong," she added.

Haji Bujang's move, she said, has greatly encouraged the morale and fighting spirit of all PERMAS candidates.



# Barisan returned to power

## Datuk Patinggi Taib sworn in as CM

### KUCHING

The Barisan Nasional has been returned to power in Sarawak.

The coalition won 27 of the 45 seats declared at press time, securing a simple majority in the 48-member state assembly.

Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu (PBB), the majority partner in the coalition, won 13 seats. Two other partners, Sarawak United People's Party (SUPP) won 11 and Sarawak National Party (SNAP) won three seats.

The opposition won in 18 constituencies, with 14 seats going to Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak (PBDS) and four to the newly-registered Persatuan Rakyat Malaysia Sarawak (Permas).

The PBDS, a BN partner which excluded itself from the coalition in the election, and Permas contested under the 'Kumpulan Maju' banner but using their own symbols.

The other parties contesting the election - the Democratic Action Party (DAP) and Bersatu - have yet to win any seat. None of the 16 independents have also been returned yet.

Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud retained the Sebandi seat with a majority of 2,194 votes, beating his sole opponent, Datuk Wan Yusof Tuanku Haji Bujang of Permas, who polled 2,205 votes. There were 58 spoilt votes.

The leader of the 'Kumpulan Maju' and president of Permas, Tun Haji Abdul Rahman Yakub, who is expected to return to active politics, lost in a straight fight in the Matudaro constituency.

He polled 3,677 votes out of the 5,302 garnered by BN's Wahab Haji Dollah of the PBB. Encik Wahab won by a majority of 1,625 votes. There were 133 spoilt votes.

Tun Rahman was the key figure behind the abortive attempt last month by a group of 27 Sarawak assemblymen to oust Datuk Patinggi Haji Taib from office.



### Taib's pledge

Sarawak Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud pledged this morning to continue to lead the people of the state towards greater unity and more meaningful development.

Datuk Patinggi Taib, 51, said that what he wanted to see in the next five years was that all the 23 communities in the state were united.

"As Chief Minister, I will ensure that the interests of all communities are safeguarded," he said.

Datuk Patinggi Taib urged the people to reject politics based on emotion and racial sentiments to ensure the future of their children and grandchildren.

He said the election results showed that the Barisan Nasional had lost in areas where the people lacked understanding of the BN's policies.

This was unlike in areas where communication facilities were better, he said, adding that in these places, the BN could explain to the people the basic issues, such as questions on development.

He believed that the extremist views that supposedly existed in areas where the Ibans formed the majority was not held by many.

This, he said, was because the BN candidates in such areas lost by only small majorities.

"This shows that there are still those who lack understanding about what is really important to them," he added.

The Chief Minister said he would try to adopt a more moderate political style for the sake of a brighter future for the people.

"To ensure this, we must step up efforts to counter extremist views," he said.

Datuk Patinggi Taib expressed his thanks to the voters who returned the BN to power again and promised to provide the kind of leadership expected by the people.

"I know the people have high aspirations and, together with the other BN representatives, will try to meet the people's needs," he said.

He made the pledge at a press conference after taking his oath of office before Yang DiPertua Negeri Datuk Patinggi Haji Ahmad Zaidi Adruce Mohamed Noor at Rumah Sarawak, the official residence of the Chief Minister.

The swearing-in ceremony was held after the Barisan Nasional was declared to have won the state election.

## Taib retains seat

Sarawak Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud retained his Sebandi seat, defeating his sole challenger, Datuk Wan Yusuff Tuanku Haji Bujang of Permas, by a 2,194-vote majority.

Datuk Patinggi Taib polled 4,397 votes against the 2,203 obtained by his opponent.

Datuk Patinggi Taib, 51, who is also state Barisan Nasional chairman and President of Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu (PBB), first won the seat in a by-election in 1981 and retained it in the previous general election in 1983.

Datuk Wan Yusuff, 63, was a former vice-president of the PBB and won in Kalaka under the BN ticket in the 1983 election.

He was one of the 27 assemblymen who staged an abortive attempt to topple Datuk Patinggi Taib last month.

## Alfred Jabu, Soon Kai retain seats



Alfred Jabu

TWO state ministers have retained their seats when the results of eight constituencies in the Sarawak state election were announced by 11 last night.

They are Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Housing Datuk Alfred Jabu anak Numpang and

Minister for Works and Infrastructure Development Datuk Dr Wong Soon Kai.

Datuk Jabu, who is Deputy President of Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu (PBB), defeated his sole opponent from Parti Bangsa Dayak Sarawak (PBDS), Encik David Impi, by a majority of 1,725 votes for the Layar constituency.

He polled 4,416 votes against 2,691 obtained by Encik Impi.

In the previous state election in 1983, Datuk Jabu won the seat by a 3,727-vote majority, also in a straight fight with an independent, Encik Razali Sabang.

Datuk Dr Wong (BN-SUPP) had an easy win over Ling Sie Ming (DAP) for the Maling seat with a 7,208-vote majority.



Wong Soon Kai

He polled 19,239 votes compared with 9,858 by Encik Ling.

In the 1983 state election, Datuk Dr Wong, who is also SUPP Assistant Secretary-General, won the seat by a 16,220-vote majority in a straight fight.

His opponent then was also Encik Ling who managed to obtain 5,583 votes against the 21,803 by Datuk Dr Wong.

## Ambrose brings first major casualty to BN

The Barisan Nasional's first major casualty in the Sarawak state election is newly-appointed state Assistant Minister For Resource Planning Ambrose Blikau in the Katibas constituency.

He was defeated by a newcomer from Parti Bangsa Dayak Sarawak (PBDS), Encik Felix Bantian anak Jibom, by a 544-vote majority.

He obtained 2,080 votes against 2,624 votes for his



Ambrose Blikau

opponent.

Encik Blikau, a member of the Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu (PBB) Supreme Council, won the seat in the last election in 1983, beating three independent candidates. His majority then was 519 votes.

Encik Bantian is one of several new faces put up by the PBDS which is contesting the election using its own symbol instead of that of the BN although it is one of its components.

AT PRESS TIME: 4.30 A.M.  
3 more seats to be declared

## Hj Noor loses to Ramsay, Hafsa to Sh. Mordiah

TWO former state ministers who joined the rebel group which demanded the ouster of Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud last month were defeated in the Sarawak state election.

Datuk Haji Noor Tahir, the former Minister of Tourism and Environment, lost to Encik Ramsay Noel Jitam of the Barisan Nasional in Lundu while Datuk Hajah Hafsa Harun, former Social Development Minister, was defeated in Petra Jaya by Hajah Sharifah Mordiah



Sharifah Mordiah

Lundu seat in 1983, beating five independent candidates.

Hajah Sharifah Mordiah did not stand in 1983 but was the assemblywoman for the Sebandi seat from 1979 to 1981 when she gave up the seat to enable Datuk Patinggi Taib to contest in the by-election, paving the way for the Chief Minister's return to Sarawak politics.

Hajah Sharifah Mordiah's contest with Datuk Hafsa in Petra Jaya was the only all-women affair in this election.

Prior to joining the opposition, Datuk Hajah Hafsa was leader of the women's wing of the PBB. Hajah Sharifah Mordiah is presently its vice-chairman.—Bernama



Ramsay Jitam

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Encik Ramsay won the

## Tun Rahman defeated

KUCHING (Bernama) — Tun Haji Abdul Rahman Yakub, leader of "Kumpulan Maju", the main opposition group to the Barisan Nasional in the Sarawak state election, was defeated in the Matudaro constituency.

He lost by 1,625 votes to BN's Wahab Haji Dollah who in the previous state election in 1983 won the seat uncontested.

Tun Abdul Rahman, 59, a former Yang Di Pertua Negeri who is making a bid to return to active politics after a six-year layoff, obtained 3,677 votes against 5,302 secured by Encik Wahab.

Tun Abdul Rahman was reported to be a key figure behind the unsuccessful attempt by a group of 27 Sarawak assemblymen to oust Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Haji Taib Mahmud last month.



He then formed "Kumpulan Maju" which consisted of the newly-registered opposition party, Permas, of which he is president, and Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak (PBDS). Together, the group has put up candidates in 42 constituencies, 21 each.

Tun Abdul Rahman had also served as Sarawak chief minister for 11 years, beginning in 1970.

## Counting of votes for Tatau today

KUCHING (Bernama) — The counting of votes for the Tatau state seat has been postponed to today because election officials at one polling centre have yet to return to Tatau town.

Announcing this last night, Election Commission Secretary Haji Abdul Rashid Abdul Rah-

man said efforts to bring back the officials by aircraft failed because of bad weather.

He said the officials would be brought back tonight by boat but this would take them between six and seven hours to reach Tatau town. The officials were expected to arrive tomorrow morning.

The seat is contested by three candidates — incumbent Haji Bolehassan Kambal of Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak (PBDS), Encik Daniel Sigal of Barisan Nasional and Jatan anak Lintang of DAP.

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Sharifah Mordiah

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# A CRUEL BLOW IT IS TO TUN RAHMAN & CO.

KUCHING, Fri.— The mood at Maju group's camp at Aurora Hotel was high and its members and leaders were all smiles when the first results of a few contested seats of the Council Negeri were announced over television and radio last night.

They shook and clapped hands each time Maju candidates were announced as winners.

Even Maju leader, Tun Haji Abdul Rahman Yakub, was seen hugging the winning candidates of Maju. Most of Maju candidates were at Aurora Hotel lobby watching the television for the election results.

There were even talks of swearing in of the Maju government by the members and supporters.

So confident were Maju members and leaders of winning the state election that some of them did not even bother to watch the television anymore.

There were reports of 'yam seng' at the hotel coffeehouse, with jugs of beer occupying the tables.

Why not? With eight of the results announced, seven went to Maju.

And so, the Maju members and supporters and the candidates felt that there was cause to be happy.

But soon, the high spirit and high mood slowly disappeared as more results were announced.

At first, they booed each time an announcement was made of the Barisan victory.

But soon, even the boos disappeared in the cold atmosphere at the hotel.

The crowd also became thinner.

But the most solemn and sad moment for the Maju members and leaders was when the television announced the defeat of Tun Rahman.

Tun Rahman, appeared to have taken the defeat in a gentleman way, shook hands with Maju members and leaders before he and PBDS' president Datuk Leo Moggie went into a closely guarded room at the upstairs of the hotel.

Another cruel blow to the Maju camp was struck at about 2 o'clock this morning when someone telephoned from Lingga informing that Datuk Daniel Tajem had no chance of winning.

Nobody believed the news, however, until it was flashed over the TV screen.

With more Barisan candidates won in the contests, the atmosphere at the Maju camp was cold and quiet.

Even the girls manning the telephones at the far end of the lobby, who were the noisiest early in the evening, suddenly became quiet and uninterested.

Pockets of Maju members who still remained at about 4 o'clock this morning, spoke in low tone.



## Wahab Dollah Wahab defeats Rahman

Tun Haji Abdul Rahman Yakub, leader of "Kumpulan Maju", the main opposition group to the Barisan Nasional in the Sarawak state election, was defeated in the contest for the Matu-Daro constituency.

He lost by 1,625 votes to BN's Wahab Haji Dollah who in the previous state election in 1985 won the seat uncontested.

Tun Abdul Rahman, 59, a former Yang Di Pertua Negeri who is making a bid to return to active politics after a six-year layoff, obtained 3,677 votes against 5,302 secured by Encik Wahab.

Tun Abdul Rahman was reported to be a key figure behind the unsuccessful attempt by a group of 27 Sarawak assemblymen to oust Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Haji Taib Mahmud last month.

He then formed "Kumpulan Maju" which consisted of the newly-registered opposition party, Permas, of which he is president, and Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak (PBDS). Together, the group has put up candidates in 42 constituencies, 21 each.

Tun Abdul Rahman had also served as Sarawak Chief Minister for 11 years, beginning in 1970.



**VICTORIOUS** . . . A happy Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud speaking to newsmen and TV crew shortly after the Barisan Nasional was returned to power at Rumah Sarawak early yesterday. The state BN secured 28 of the 48 seats it contested and garnered 249,249 or about 55 percent of the 453,749 votes cast in the just concluded state general elections.

## I will still be active in politics: Tun Rahman

**KUCHING** — Former Chief Minister and Head of State, Tun Haji Abdul Rahman Yakub, vowed yesterday that he would continue to play an active part in Sarawak politics despite his defeat at the polls.

The 59-year-old leader of the newly-formed Persatuan Rakyat Malaysia Sarawak (Permas) told newsmen at a 3 am press conference outside the five-storey Aurora Hotel — his election headquarters — here:

"I said before that win or lose, there is no doubt in my own mind that I will continue to lead Permas.

"If one is offering himself as a service to one's country, one has to go on working."

Tun Rahman, who contested the Matu-Daro constituency north of Kuching, lost to the National Front incumbent, Wahab Haji Dollah. Tun Rahman polled 3,677 votes to Mr Wahab's 5,302 votes.

National Front leaders said yesterday that with

his defeat, Tun Rahman was finished politically in a state in which he was Chief Minister from 1970 to 1981 and then Head of State until 1985.

But Tun Rahman, showing no signs of disappointment over his defeat and appearing very composed, told newsmen that he was not disappointed with Permas getting only five seats, in spite of fielding candidates in 21 constituencies.

Permas, he said, had only been formed a month

ago. The National Front, which obtained 28 seats to form the new government, had the advantage of having radio and television on their side and the use of transport like helicopters.

Tun Rahman said he lost his first attempt at getting a seat for the Sarawak State Assembly in 1963, but had persisted working as "a backroom boy".

"Sometimes, losing is a blessing," he said. — **ALBERT RAMALINGAM.**

# Party to fight for more Dayak rights

We want to work with other races, not dominate them, says its leader

By Albert Ramalingam  
of the Foreign Desk

**KUCHING** — Sarawak's Dayak party, now the biggest in terms of number of seats in the State Assembly, is to continue its fight to get more economic and political rights for the Dayaks.

"I can't understand why the Chinese and the Malays are not prepared to accommodate the Dayak people," said Datuk Leo Moggie, president of Parti Bangsa Dayak Sarawak (PBDS).

He said the focus of economic and political power so far in Sarawak "has not been in the hands of the Dayaks".

The PBDS obtained 15 seats in the state election on Thursday, making it the party with the largest number of members in the 48-seat state assembly.

Before the dissolution of the House, PBDS had seven seats.

Datuk Moggie, who is

## Mahathir congratulates Front

**KUALA LUMPUR** — Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday congratulated the Sarawak National Front for its victory in the state election.

In a statement issued here, Dr Mahathir, who is National Front chairman, said: "The victory proves that the people continue to have support for and confidence in the National Front to bring about progress and development.

"I am confident that the National

Front in Sarawak will continue efforts to develop, unite and bring prosperity to the people of Sarawak."

Meanwhile in KOTA BARU, Dr Mahathir told reporters after a meeting with Kelantan Umno delegates that the National Front victory in Sarawak was overwhelming as the state Chief Minister, Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud, and his colleagues had to face many challenges. — Bernama.

Federal Minister for Energy, Posts and Telecommunications, said here yesterday that the results of the election "only confirm the point that we have been making, that is, that the Dayaks on the whole feel they have been bypassed and neglected".

"You can see the pattern in the polling. The Chinese and the Malay-Muslim voted on one side (National Front) while the Dayaks voted on the other

(PBDS)," he added.

Nearly 40 per cent of Sarawak's 1.47 million population are Dayaks, a generic term for the state's Iban and Bidayuh community, while Muslims (Malays and Melanau) make up 25 per cent and Chinese, 30 per cent. The rest is made up of other indigenous races.

"I hope that the Chief Minister, Datuk Taib, will not read his election victory as a complete endorse-

ment of his present policy," said Datuk Moggie.

Last month, the PBDS opted out of the state National Front, led by Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud, and went into the opposition in a bid to increase its number of State Assembly seats. The party claimed that Datuk Taib was not receptive to Dayak aspirations.

Even though the party remained in the National Front at federal level,

PBDS defied the Front's Supreme Council ruling in Kuala Lumpur that it use the coalition's scale symbol and confine itself to only seven seats in the polls.

Datuk Moggie is credited with building up the party which was formed in mid-1983 to try and satisfy Dayak aspirations.

"All we are asking for is not the dominance of the Dayaks over the Chinese and the Malays, but that the Malays and Chinese should work hand in hand with the Dayaks. That is all we are asking," said Datuk Moggie.

He said PBDS, which fielded 21 candidates, had hoped to get more than the 15 it obtained. He attributed the lower number to "a fear campaign launched by the National Front".

"In the Chinese areas they were campaigning against the Chinese fear of the Dayaks, talking about a Dayak uprising."

"In the Malay areas, they kept asking: Do you want to let the Dayaks take over from the Malays?"

I'll keep on going, says Maju leader

# Rahman calm despite change in fortunes

KUCHING, Fri. — Maju Leader Tun Abdul Rahman Yakub remained calm throughout the counting of votes last night despite the mixed bag of fortunes he was handed.

He was cool in the early part of the night when the results were announced in favour of the Maju group and he was equally cool in the wee hours of the morning at the Press conference when the results were in favour of the Barisan Nasional (and Datuk Patinggi Abdul Taib Mahmud was being sworn in as the Chief Minister) while the rest of his supporters at the Aurora Hotel were wilting, either in fatigue or frustration.

For somebody with a heart problem and who had lost in the election, he was still surprisingly fresh, smiling and laughing.

And yes, he would still continue to oppose Datuk Taib's leadership "as long as he doesn't change".

"Whether I remain as president of the Maju group or not is of secondary importance. I wasn't president of Berjasa when I started. To me, being effective, one does not necessarily have to be at the top. One can play a certain role, be useful to the party.

"It does not matter whether I won or lost as I have mentioned before. To win is good, there is no doubt about that, but if one is giving himself, his service to the country, one doesn't stop just because one has lost. I lost in 1963 and I have continued to work."

## Support for policies

He said even though Datuk Taib had won "the problem remains". He said winning an election does not mean that the problem of the Dayak grievances had been solved. In fact, it goes to prove that the Dayaks are saying "look, we are not satisfied".

"That is the meaning of the results of this election. We have proved that the Dayaks are dissatisfied with Datuk Taib's leadership. We would play the role of the Opposition to convince the public about the way Datuk Taib has been carrying out policies and (managing) the administration, and that if he continues to carry on the way he has been doing, it is not going to be very healthy for the State.

"The election shows that the PBDS represents the Dayaks. And the point we have been making all along — that the continuance of Datuk Taib in power with massive Dayak support behind the PBDS would only prolong the conflict between the Dayak community on the one hand and the Malay-led Barisan on the other hand — sur-



Tun Rahman Yakub, followed by Datuk Leo Moggie, spares a smile for supporters when the early results were announced.

vives for the time being by massive Chinese votes," he said.

He said that a strong Opposition is good for the State, for now the Government has to be very careful "and not just rule by the whims and fancies of the Chief Minister".

But he added that one should not oppose for the sake of opposing. Any Opposition worth its salt would support policies that it considers good for the rakyat.

"If one really wants to serve the country one must decide whether a certain proposal is good or not, whether the way of doing it is the right way or not, and if they are convinced that this would be the right way, why shouldn't they give their support?"

He said they do not fear crossovers to the other side as he felt it was their democratic right and "if they want to change their minds they would change their minds — we won't tie their hands".

He said the Maju group supports the basic principles of the Barisan

for it is a continuation of the old Alliance principles "of live and let live — but not to victimise people".

"We will certainly pursue our application to the Barisan Nasional but that doesn't mean we want to participate in the State Government. I don't think we would. The PBDS is still with the Barisan but we choose not to participate in the State Government — not under the present leadership."

Tun Rahman also said the election results showed that there was clear polarisation in the voting pattern. While the Dayaks were solidly behind the Maju group, the Chinese and Malays were behind the Barisan Nasional.

Tun Rahman said the last minute visit by the Prime Minister to the Malay/Melanau areas helped the Barisan win.

"As the leader of Barisan Nasional he's morally bound. He had a tremendous impact for there were some genuine fear that if people were associated with us they would be victimised.

# Ningkan's all praise to State BN

KUCHING, Fri. — THE State Barisan Nasional put up a creditable showing in the just concluded state election in the face of a tough challenge, and must be congratulated for it.

The state's first Chief Minister, Datuk Stephen Kalong Ningkan, who is also the Sarawak National Party adviser, expressed this opinion when he was contacted by the *People's Mirror* here this morning.

He said that though the State BN component party did not achieve the two-third majority the BN could still achieve that magic figure as he predicted that some of the newly elected representatives may "experience a short lived victory".

These representatives, Datuk Ningkan said, without mentioning names, were facing financial problems and might face bankruptcy

proceedings, and in the event of a by-election the BN could easily secure the victory and the required majority in the State Legislative Assembly.

Datuk Ningkan said this could happen 'very soon'.

However, he was disappointed over the poor showing of Snap in winning of only three seats out of the 11 they contested in.

"Though we have a



Datuk Stephen Kalong Ningkan

Chinese, a Bidayuh and an Iban elected representatives reflecting a multi-racial composition, we are not strong," he said.

## RESULTS AT A GLANCE

### FINAL LINE-UP

Total number of constituencies: 48

#### BARISAN NASIONAL



28



PBB — 14



Supp — 11



Snap — 3

#### REBEL MAJU GROUP

20



Permas — 5



PBDS — 15



DAP — 0



Bersatu — 0

Independents — 0

# DAP — Three times loser

**KUCHING — For the third time, the DAP failed to make a breakthrough in state politics. And also for the third time, pundits were proved wrong.**

Although the party's candidates polled a total of 48,269 votes — a little more than half of SUPP's 91,981 votes in eight urban seats where the two parties crossed swords — not even a single "rocket" took off.

In the lead-up to the elections, pundits had been largely unanimous in their predictions that at least one, or even two or three, DAP candidates would be successful this time.

But, as it turned out, Meradong was a "certainty" beaten and Stampin, seized on as a good thing just two days before polling, remained as SUPP's fortress.

The surprise is not how the party's debutant in Padungan, Mr Cheng Hui Hong, managed to give backers of popular Kuching Mayor Song Swee Guan some anxious moments during the counting of votes on Thursday night, but how heavyweights like Bandar Kuching MP Sim Kwang Yang and Chong Siew Chiang could do so badly.

Mr Cheng, a lawyer who found himself having to fight an election as soon as he joined politics, performed creditably well against such a formidable opponent, polling 8,538 votes to Mr Song's 14,499 votes thus losing by 5,961 votes.

However in Stampin, where Mr Sim was given more than an even chance of retiring veteran Tan Sri Datuk Sim Kheng Hong from politics, the heavily expected close fight did not materialise as Tan Sri Sim romped home an easy winner. He polled 16,790 votes to win by 7,066 votes. Mr Sim collected 9,727 votes.

In Meradong, "napshot" Chong Siew Chiang lost his seventh electoral battle when SUPP's Thomas Hill beat him by 1,237 votes. Mr Chong polled 4,134 votes compared to Mr Hill's 5,371 votes.

Pundits are at a loss as to how the party could perform so poorly. The party's ceremonies during the election campaign — as in previous elections — had been outstanding crowd pullers compared to lukewarm response to SUPP talks.

DAP contested a total of 11 seats in the election.

On the other hand, SUPP won 11 of the 14 seats it contested and retained its status quo in the state assembly.

The party's victory in the eight urban areas — Padungan, Stampin, Batu Kawah, Repok, Meradong, Maling, Seduan and Miri — indicates that the Chinese rallied behind it.

The six other seats contested by SUPP were in Dayak-majority areas. The party won in three — Lundu, Sri Aman and Dudong — and lost in three — Bengoh, Engkilili and Igan.

In Sri Aman and Dudong, SUPP candidates upset the incumbents from the party who had been among the group of 27 assemblymen which last month tried to oust Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud.

Michael Pilo anak Gangga defeated Hollis anak Tini in a straight fight in Sri Aman, and Jawan Empaling beat Wilfred Kiroh anak Jeram in a three-cornered contest in Dudong.

It was a different story, however, in Engkilili and Igan. The SUPP candidates failed to unseat their former colleagues, Sim Choo Nam of PBDS and David Tiong Chiong Chu of Permas respectively.

In Bengoh, Louis Nigel Gines lost to Sora anak Rusah of PBDS in a three-cornered contest.

## SNAP to conduct 'post-mortem'

SNAP is to conduct a 'post-mortem' to determine the factors for its dismal showing in the state election, in which the party won only three of the 11 seats it contested.

A party spokesman said yesterday that while the party had been badly hit in the polls, it was, however, not "disheartened", considering all the factors.

"We did rather well despite the various setbacks we had to face prior to the election," he said, adding that internal party problems were among the reasons.

He said unlike other parties whose party machinery was intact,

SNAP had to reorganise its 20-member central executive committee (CEC), following the defection of eight of its members.

Five of them were former assemblymen who were among the group which unsuccessfully tried to oust Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud from office last month.

The spokesman said that when the five, three of whom key party posts, left, SNAP had to look for "fresh" candidates to take their places.

"Time was really not with us but still we managed to find some capable substitutes, who

however, had to go to face the voters as underdogs fighting the seniors," he said.

The seats which SNAP lost were Tebakang, Batang Ai, Krian, Pakan, Ngemah, Baleh, Marudi and Telang Uas.

However, party President Datuk Amar James Wong and its youth leader, Dr Patau Rubis successfully retained their respective seats in Limbang and Tasik Biru while businessman Donald Lawan provided some consolation for SNAP by topping former Deputy Chief Minister Datuk Daniel Tajem, who is also the Deputy President of the Parti Bangsa Dayak Sarawak, in Lingga.



# 19 lose their \$3,000 election deposits

KUCHING, Fri. — Nineteen State Assembly hopefuls enriched the coffers of the Elections Commission when they lost their deposits — \$57,000 in all — in Sarawak's fifth election yesterday.

Fourteen of them are Independents — proving that those who choose to "go it alone" are bound to lose miserably.

The Independents lost mainly to PBB and PBDS candidates.

Only two Independents retained their deposits. They are Sng Chee Hua in Pelagus and Michael Labor Buaye in Lawas.

None of the 16 Independents who joined the fray were successful.

The five others who lost their deposits are Permas' Lee Sie Kuei alias Eric Lee in Seduan and Awangku Yusof bin Pengiran Bongsu in Lawas, Bersatu's Abang Ariffin Abang Sebil in Satok, and DAP's Jatan anak Lintang in Tatau and Chong Kon Fatt in Subis.

Under election rules, candidates who fail to garner one-eighth of the total votes cast in any election or by-election, will lose their deposits of \$3,000 for State seats and \$5,000 for Parliamentary seats.

The 14 Independents who lost their deposits are:

● N10. BENGOH (15,021) — Chong Kuet Bui alias Robert Abul;

● N11. TARAT (13,334) — Lal Boon Luan;

● N19. SARIBAS (11,014) — Ahmad bin Johan;

● N28. SEDUAN (14,626) — Loh Nprie Hock;

● N29. IGAN (7,294) — Nait anak Mani alias Anthony;

● N30. DUDONG (13,548) — Siew Chee Kiong;

● N37. KATIBAS (7,217) — Kain anak Kedai;

● N38. PELAGUS (8,267) — Jangli anak Peng Jemut;

# 'DAP accepts the electorate's verdict'

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. — The DAP accepts the verdict of the Sarawak electorate despite its failure to win a single seat in the State election.

Deputy secretary-general Lee Lam Thye said today the party had faced an uphill battle trying to make inroads in Sarawak because the issues in the election were largely local.

"We tried our best and are disappointed as we had hoped to win at least one seat.

"However, we accept the verdict of the people and will continue with our struggle," said Mr Lee, who returned from Sarawak last night. He was there with Lim Kiat Siang to campaign for DAP candidates.

The party contested 11 seats but failed to win any. It had contested in the State elections since 1979.

However, Mr Lee said the defeats were not because the people in Sarawak rejected the DAP.

"We lost because this election was different as it was essentially a fami-

ly feud within the Sarawak Barisan Nasional," he said.

He added that the Chinese in Sarawak threw their support behind the Chinese-based SUPP and Barisan Nasional because they feared the return to power of Tun Abdul Rahman Yaakub and the rise of Dayak nationalism in the form of the PBDS.

"The SUPP also exploited the issue by alleging that we were working together with Permas and PBDS," Mr Lee said.

Mr Lee maintained that DAP has support in Sarawak as the party had won two parliamentary seats in last year's general elections.

He said the DAP had hoped to win the Stampin seat through its State chief Sim Kwang Yang as he is the MP for Bandar Kuching which encompasses the State seat.

However, Mr Sim lost to SUPP treasurer-general Tan Sri Amar Sin Kheng Hong who polled 16,790 votes to Mr Sim's 9,724.

## Tajem loses to rival he last defeated

KUCHING, Fri. — Former Deputy Chief Minister Datuk Daniel Tajem, who was one of the rebel Assemblymen who demanded the ouster of Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud last month was defeated in the Sarawak elections.

Datuk Tajem, who is deputy president of Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak (PBDS), lost to Barisan Nasional's Donald Lawan by 59 votes.

Datuk Tajem polled 4,409 votes against 4,468 obtained by Mr Lawan.

With this victory, Mr Lawan has avenged his defeat to Datuk Tajem in the parliamentary election last year for the Batang Lupar constituency in which the PBDS leader won in a three-cornered fight, the other candidate being an Independent.

● N43. SUBIS (18,754) — All bin Mana, Linggi anak Balong and David anak La;

● N45. MARUDI (12,438) — Abu Bakar bin Abdullah; and,

● N47. LIMBANG (13,738) — All bin Abdullah and Thianeng anak Chuan Teck.

David anak La, received the lowest number of votes. In a six-cornered contest in Subis, he obtained only 42 votes. The two other Independents in the fray also lost their deposits.

Among the Independents, Michael Labor Buaye in Lawas obtained the highest number of votes — 2,912. He lost by a narrow margin of 810 votes to PBB's Tengah bin Ali Hassan.



DATUK TAJEM

## SHARIFAH MORDIAH, I EXPECTED TO WIN

KUCHING, Fri. — The only woman candidate from Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu (PBB), Puan Sharifah Mordiah Tuanku Fauzi, who won the Petra Jaya seat, said her victory was "anticipated".

She said the warm reception she received from the people during the campaigning period was an indication that she would win.

She defeated incumbent former Social Development Minister Datuk Hafisah Harun who stood under the Persatuan Rakyat Malaysia Sarawak (Permas) banner by a 3,310-vote majority.

Puan Sharifah Mordiah, the PBB women's wing head, polled 6,006 votes to Datuk Hafisah's 2,696 votes. Datuk Hafisah, a former PBB women's wing leader, had held the seat since 1976.

Puan Sharifah Mordiah said despite her win over Datuk Hafisah, her relationship with the former PBB leader was still "good."

# Hard times ahead for Datuk Taib

**KUCHING (Bernama) — Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud who successfully led the state Barisan Nasional to victory in the just concluded fifth state election appears to be heading towards a more difficult and challenging period.**

The final result of the election which he called almost two years ahead of schedule amidst persistent attempts to force him out of office saw him surrounded by a more organised group of political opponents than he had previously faced.

The state Barisan Nasional comprising the Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu (PBB) the Sarawak United People's Party (SUPP) and the Sarawak National Party (SNAP) managed to secure only 28 seats in the 48-member State Legislative Assembly — four short of the two-thirds majority badly needed to maintain a stable government.

Of the 28 seats won by the BN, 14 were secured by PBB, 11 by the SUPP and three by SNAP.

The Opposition on the other hand captured 20 seats, with 15 going to the Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak (PBDS) and five to the newly registered Persatuan Rakyat Malaysia Sarawak

(Permas) led by former Yang di-Pertua Negeri Tun Haji Abdul Rahman Yaakub.

The results were far-fetched from earlier optimism expressed by state BN leaders who were confident of winning at least 36 seats.

In the last assembly, the BN commanded 42 seats, 17 of which were held by the PBB, 11 SUPP, seven each by SNAP and PBDS which was then with the state BN.

The remaining six seats were held by independents.

The additional PBDS seats were all won in predominantly Dayak majority constituencies of Telang Usan, Pelagus, Tebahang, Engkilill, Gedong, Marudi, Meluan and Tatau, giving credence to the much publicised "new wave" of Dayak nationalism in a state where no single community forms a majority group.

Pending any successful political manoeuvres, Datuk Patinggi Taib would be having a difficult task to silence his opponents who of late had been bitterly criticising him over what they claimed as their "disagreement with Datuk Patinggi Taib's style of leadership."

Datuk Patinggi Taib had also been accused of not doing enough for the Dayaks.

Whatever is in store for him during the next five years, the Chief Minister has already demonstrated his political brilliance by arranging for an early morning ceremony for him to take his oath of office at his own official residence, understandably to prevent possible cross-overs by his party members to the opposition camp.

The swearing-in ceremony was held at "Rumah Sarawak" instead of the "Lapau," the state ceremonial hall in Petra Jaya, as originally scheduled.

Datuk Patinggi Taib told a press conference after the ceremony that he did not believe that racial extremism was widespread in the Dayak areas.

This, he said, was evident from the small majority obtained by the PBDS candidates in constituencies they won over the BN candidates.

Datuk Patinggi Taib said the BN's defeat in these areas was largely due to the people's lack of understanding of basic issues, as most of the voters in such areas were not as well informed as those in areas having better communication facilities.

That a difficult time is in store for Datuk Patinggi Taib is evident from the manner in which both Permas President, Tun Abdul Rahman, and PBDS President, Datuk Leo Moggie, reacted to the election results.

Tun Rahman, described the polls resulted as an indication of the emergence of a strong opposition to the Datuk Patinggi Taib-led state government.

PBDS President Datuk Leo Moggie described the results as a glaring fact confirming the dissatisfaction of the Dayaks with the way the state was administered by Datuk Patinggi Taib.

## PBB has less seats

**KUCHING (Bernama) — PBB only won 14 of the 23 seats it contested. It won 19 seats in the 1983 state election.**

The reduced number of seats could be among other things due to 11 new faces having to fight it out with former PBB stalwarts contesting either Permas or PBDS tickets.

# Strong Opposition has emerged—Tun Rahman

## 'It could provide an alternative to the present government in future'

KUCHING (Bernama) — Persatuan Rakyat Malaysia Sarawak (Permas) president Tun Haji Abdul Rahman Yakub who was defeated in the state election said yesterday a strong opposition to the state government has emerged from the polls.

"This could prevent the Chief Minister from administrating the state at his whims and fancies," he told newsmen shortly after the Barisan Nasional was declared victor yesterday morning.

Tun Haji Abdul Rahman, who is also leader of the "Kumpulan Maju" which comprises Permas and Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak (PBDS), said the opposition candidates who won were good and experienced people.

He said that for the first time the state legislative assembly would have a strong opposition and that he was glad that his group could obtain such big support.

The former Yang DiPertua Negeri said elected members of "Kumpulan Maju" — which had provided the major opposition in the election — would not only act as a watchdog of the government but could also "provide an alternative to the present government in the future."

On his future with the

group, he said he would leave it to the members to decide whether they wanted him to continue to lead them, adding that he himself would not stop rendering his service to the state.

On his defeat to the BN candidate, Encik Wahab Dollah, in the Matu-Daro constituency, Tun Haji Abdul Rahman said defeat was nothing new to him and that "sometimes loss could be a blessing."

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He cited the threat of victimisation and logistical problems as the main reasons for his party's poor performance in the election.

Tun Haji Abdul Rahman said Permas would soon apply to join the BN but would maintain its position as an opposition in the state assembly.

PBDS president Datuk Leo Moggie described the results as a glaring fact confirming the dissatisfaction of the Dayaks with the way the state was administered by Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud.

He pledged that the PBDS and Permas would act as a check against the style of leadership of Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib.

Datuk Moggie, who is Energy, Telecommunications and Posts Minister, said his party would not work with the Chief Minister at the state level but would remain in the BN at federal level.

## Maju group may call for inquiry panel

KUCHING — Alleged abuses by the government during the elections have prompted Kumpulan Maju to consider asking the Federal Government to set up commission of inquiry into malpractices.

The "abuses" included the compulsion of government servants to campaign, which was very rampant, and the use of certain government machinery.

PERMAS President, Tun Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Rahman Yakub, said yesterday evening that even candidates who were not ministers and agents of candidates were permitted to approve and announce projects.

He said: "It is very interesting to see whether this sort of thing amount to corrupt practice. One needs to look into this aspect. This time it is really money politics."

Asked on the possibility of some frauds during the election he replied that this was being studied.

Tun Rahman said there would be election petitions because of the campaigning by the BN during polling days and the eve of polling such as knocking on people's doors and houses and "corrupt" practice. Kumpulan Maju was therefore considering the possibility to ask for a commission of inquiry to

be set up because those practices were a mockery of democracy.

Yesterday all the returned PBDS and PERMAS candidates and others who stood for the election from the group paid a courtesious call on Tun Rahman at his residence "Sri Bahagia", Petra Jaya. Those present included the Federal Minister of Energy, Telecommunications and Posts, Datuk Leo Moggie, who is also the President of PBDS and the party Deputy President, Datuk Daniel Tajem and also PERMAS Deputy President, Datuk Amar Abang Haji Yusof Puteh.

They discussed how to ordinate the activities of the two parties and how best to service each of the constituency they had won.

Tun Rahman said various matters on what they ought to do now were also discussed. Each party would be gearing itself up in order to serve the people who had returned them in the election.

He added: "Despite the very short time factor we managed to get 20 seats out of the 48. We are quite happy on the general response in the number of votes that the group got. It was quite telling even on PERMAS side because it shows there was generally a feeling of dissatisfaction with the Chief Minister."

# Toward greater unity, growth pledge

KUCHING, Fri. — CHIEF Minister Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud pledged this morning to continue to lead the people of the state towards greater unity and more meaningful development.

He made the pledge at a Press conference after taking his oath of office before Yang DiPertua Negeri Datuk Patinggi Haji Ahmad Zaidi Adruce Mohamed Noor at Rumah Sarawak, the official residence of the Chief Minister.

The swearing-in ceremony was held after the

Barisan Nasional was declared to have won the state election.

Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib, 51, said that what he wanted to see in the next five years was that all the 23 communities in the state were united.

"As Chief Minister, I will ensure that the interests of all communities are safeguarded," he said.

Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib urged the people to reject politics based on emotion and racial sentiments to ensure the future of their children and grandchild-

dren.

He said the election results showed that the Barisan Nasional had lost in areas where the people lacked understanding of the BN's policies.

This was unlike in areas where communication facilities were better, he said, adding that in these places, the BN could explain to the people the basic issues, such as questions on development.

He believed that the extremist views that supposedly existed in areas where the Ibans formed

the majority was not held by many.

This, he said, was because the BN candidates in such areas lost by only small majorities.

"This shows that there are still those who lack understanding about what is really important to them," he said.

The Chief Minister said he would try to adopt a more moderate political style for the sake of a brighter future for the people.

"To ensure this, we must step up efforts to counter extremist views," he said.

Datuk Patinggi Haji

Abdul Taib expressed his thanks to the voters who returned the BN to power again and promised to provide the kind of leadership expected by the people.

"I know the people have high aspirations and, together with the other BN representatives, will try to meet the people's needs," he said.

He advised the people to forget "disturbing matters" raised during the election campaign, saying: "What is needed now is for us to work hard to unite and attain more rapid development."

## Don't disturb anymore, Taib tells Rahman

KUCHING, Fri. — CHIEF MINISTER Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud today asked his uncle Tun Haji Abdul Rahman Yakub, to stop "harassing" him in the administration of the state.

"If he is sincere in what he said about opposing me, (then he should take heed that) the people have decided he loses and that I win," he told a press-conference after being sworn in as Chief Minister at his official residence here.

Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib led three Barisan Nasional

component parties — his Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu (PBB), the Supp and Snap — to victory in the state election that he called after Tun Rahman and 27 State Assemblymen attempted to oust him for allegedly failing to administer the state effectively.

Tun Rahman, a former Yang DiPertua Negeri, headed "Kumpulan Maju", comprising a newly-formed opposition party, Permas, and the PBDS, a BN partner which contested the polls under its own symbol.

The Tun Rahman-led group said its action was prompted solely by its dissatisfaction with Datuk Patinggi Taib's style of leadership.

Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib said: "I hope Tun Rahman will not try to create another crisis in the state and that he will respect the wishes of the majority."

He also hoped Tun Rahman would let the state government work for the people and "cease playing politics." — Bernama.

# Taib: Let us rule in peace

By JAMES RITCHIE

**KUCHING, Fri.** — Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Abdul Taib Mahmud today urged all parties in Sarawak to stop running down the Government and instead help it to administer and develop the State.

The elections were over and "the accusations and counter-accusations hurled against each other should cease," said Datuk Taib who was sworn in this morning as Chief Minister for a third term.

Datuk Taib, whose Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu (PBB) and its partners, Sarawak United People's Party (SUPP) and Sarawak National Party (SNAP), suffered badly in the contest for the Dayak votes in the rural areas, said:

"As Chief Minister, I will continue to ensure that the interests of all communities in the State are safeguarded," he told the Press after his swearing-in.

However, Maju leader Tun Abdul Rahman Yakub, who lost in his bid for a seat, said he would continue to play a role to ensure that the Chief Minister did not administer the State according to his "whims and fancies."

"One doesn't stop just because one has lost. I lost in 1963 and I have continued to work," said the Persatuan Rakyat Malaysia Sarawak (Permas) president.

The Barisan Nasional parties of PBB, SUPP and SNAP won 14, 11 and three seats respectively — a total of 28.

Another Barisan Nasional component party, the Parti Bangsa Dayak Sarawak (PBDS), won 15 seats — the largest won by a party in the election. It, however, contested under its own banner and in co-operation with Permas, which won five seats.

Tun Rahman said though he lost he was happy that a strong Opposition had emerged from the polls.

## Strong opposition

PBDS president Datuk Leo Moggie said his party was able to double its representation in the State Assembly due to the dissatisfaction of the

Dayaks with the way Datuk Taib had administered the State.

He pledged that PBDS and Permas would form a strong Opposition.

"PBDS will not work with Datuk Taib at the State level but will remain with the Barisan Nasional at Federal level," he said.

However, it is understood that negotiations are under way to make the Barisan Nasional Government in the State stronger with at least a two-thirds majority in the 48-member State Assembly. It is now four seats short.

Talking to the Press this morning, 51-year-old Datuk Taib said the Chief Minister of Sarawak must be a man who understands the feelings of all the State's 23 communities and realise their aspirations so that he can be effective.

He said that there was no room for communal politics in multi-racial Sarawak.

He said his basic philosophy since taking over as Chief

Minister of Sarawak on March 26, 1981, was to lead the rakyat of Sarawak towards unity and solidarity.

However, he was disappointed that racial sentiments had been used in the elections. Fortunately, it was not successful as the rakyat still believed in the Barisan Nasional concept of power-sharing and multi-racialism.

He was not too disappointed with the results because the Barisan Nasional candidates who faced such sentiments in certain rural areas lost to the PBDS marginally.

For example, it was close in constituencies such as Bengoh where the Barisan Nasional lost by 219 votes, in Kalaka (77 votes), Igan (23 votes), and Pelagus (16 votes). In a few other constituencies the Barisan Nasional lost by less than 300 votes.

He pledged to keep his election promise while admitting that the responsibility for leading Sarawak into an era of development was a heavy one.

## Taib pledges to keep polls promises

"But I will serve the people of Sarawak as promised for a third term. I have always regarded it a privilege to serve and carry the trust of the people of Sarawak."

On the defeat of the Opposition "veterans", including former Chief Minister Tun Rahman, former Deputy Chief Minister Datuk Daniel Tajem and former Ministers Datuk Haji Noor Tahir and Datuk Hafsa Harun, he likened the Opposition to a body without a head.

"But even though all the heads have been chopped off we must work harder," he urged his newly elected Assemblymen.

He said their loss was proof that Sarawak's political future was with "moderate politics" as opposed to the old style of politics.

Datuk Patinggi Abdul Taib hoped that Tun Rahman would learn from this bitter lesson and "not start any more crises at the expense of the rakyat".

"He wanted to fight me but he has lost. The rakyat have chosen me and he should accept this verdict like a gentleman."

Datuk Taib further said that accusations and counter-accusations hurled by both camps should cease.

## **Cabinet Line-Up April 1987**

**Datuk Patinggi Haji  
Abdul Talib Mahmud**  
Chief Minister  
Resource Planning

**Tan Sri Datuk Amar Sim Kheng Hong**  
Deputy Chief Minister  
Finance

**Datuk Alfred Jabu**  
Deputy Chief Minister  
Agriculture and Community  
Development

**Datuk Amar James Wong Kim Min**  
Environment and Tourism

**Datuk Dr. Wong Soon Kal**  
Infrastructure Development

**Datuk Celestine Ujang**  
Housing

**Abang Abdul Rahman Zohari bin  
Tun Abang Haji Openg**  
Industrial Development

**Encik Adenan Satem**  
Land Development

**Dr. George Chan**  
Minister in the Chief Minister Office  
Social Development

### **Assistant Ministers**

**Encik Chong Kun Kong**  
Assistant Minister  
Culture Youth and Sports

**Encik Ramsay Jitam**  
Assistant Minister  
Agriculture and Community  
Development

**Dr. Patau Rubis**  
Assistant Minister  
Infrastructure Development

**Haji Wan Abdul Wahab bin  
Wan Sanusi**  
Resource Planning

**Encik David Teng Lung Chi**  
Assistant Minister  
Environment and Local  
Government

**Puan Hajjah Sharifah Mordiah  
Tuanku Haji Fauzi**  
Assistant Minister  
Welfare Services

# HOW THE SARAWAK ELECTORATE EXERCISED THEIR RIGHTS IN THIS ELECTION

**N. 1 LUNDU**

Ramsay Noel Jitam (BN-SUPP) 4,890  
 Datuk Haji Noor Tahir (Permas) 3,561

Majority..... 1,329  
 Votes Cast..... 8,540  
 Spoilt Votes..... 89  
 Poll Percentage.....

**N. 2 TASIK BIRU**

Dr Patau Rubis (BN-SNAP) 6,569  
 Wilfred Rata Nissom (PBDS) 6,152

Majority..... 417  
 Votes Cast..... 12,888  
 Spoilt Votes..... 167  
 Poll Percentage.....

**N. 3 PADUNGAN**

Song Swee Guan (BN-SUPP) 14,499  
 Cheng Hui Hong (DAP) 8,538

Majority..... 5,961  
 Votes Cast..... 23,129  
 Spoilt Votes..... 92  
 Poll Percentage.....

**N. 4 STAMPIN**

Tan Sri Sim Kheng Hong (BN-SUPP) 16,790  
 Sim Kwang Yang (DAP) 9,724

Majority..... 7,066  
 Votes Cast..... 26,745  
 Spoilt Votes..... 231  
 Poll Percentage.....

**N. 5 PETRA JAYA**

Sharifah Mordiah Tuanku Haji Fauzi (BN-PBB) 6,006  
 Datuk Hajjah Hafsa Harun (Permas) 2,696

Majority..... 3,310  
 Votes Cast..... 8,811  
 Spoilt Votes..... 109  
 Poll Percentage.....

**N. 6 SATOK**

Abang Johari Tun Abang  
 Haji Openg (BN-PBB) 9,760  
 Dr Wan Ali Tuanku Madhi (Permas) 4,175  
 Abang Ariffin Abang Sebli (Bersatu) 84

Majority..... 5,585  
 Votes Cast..... 14,139  
 Spoilt Votes..... 120  
 Poll Percentage.....

**N. 7 SEBANDI**

Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul  
 Taib Mahmud (BN-PBB) 4,397  
 Datuk Wan Yusof Tun Datuk  
 Patinggi Tuanku Haji Bujang (Permas) 2,203

Majority..... 2,194  
 Votes Cast..... 6,658  
 Spoilt Votes..... 58  
 Poll Percentage.....

**N. 8 MUARA TIANG**

Adenan Haji Satem (BN-PBB) 5,196  
 Abdul Rahman Hamzah (Permas) 1,755

Majority..... 3,441  
 Votes Cast..... 7,031  
 Spoilt Votes..... 80  
 Poll Percentage.....

**N. 9 BATU KAWA**

Chong Kiun Kong (BN-SUPP) 8,228  
 Japat ak Simol (Permas) 2,407  
 Lim Guan Sin (DAP) 2,041

Majority..... 5,821  
 Votes Cast..... 12,810  
 Spoilt Votes..... 134  
 Poll Percentage.....

**N. 10 BENGOH**

Louis Nigel Gines (BN-SUPP) 5,429  
 Sora ak Rusah (PBDS) 5,648  
 Chong Kuet Bui alias  
 Robert Abui (Bebas/Ind) 230

Majority..... 219  
 Votes Cast..... 11,473  
 Spoilt Votes..... 166  
 Poll Percentage.....

**N. 11 TARAT**

Frederick Bayoi Manggi (BN-PBB) 5,107  
 Richard Riot anak Jaem (PBDS) 3,994  
 Lai Boon Luan (Bebas/Ind) 405

Majority..... 1,113  
 Votes Cast..... 9,682  
 Spoilt Votes..... 176  
 Poll Percentage.....

**N. 12 TEBAKANG**

Andrew Bujang Barieng (BN-SNAP) 3,366  
 Michael Ben anak Panggi (PBDS) 7,723

Majority..... 4,357  
 Votes Cast..... 11,299  
 Spoilt Votes..... 210  
 Poll Percentage.....



**N. 13 SEMERA**

Wan Wahab Wan Sanusi (BN-PBB)	3,614
Wan Zainal Abidin Wan Sanusi (Permas)	2,775
Majority	835
Votes Cast	6,480
Spoilt Votes	87
Poll Percentage	

**N. 14 GEDONG**

Haji Khaider Zaidell (BN-PBB)	2,342
Mohamed Hilary Tawan (Permas)	3,482
Majority	1,140
Votes Cast	5,860
Spoilt Votes	36
Poll Percentage	

**N. 15 LINGGA**

Donald Lawan (BN-SNAP)	4,468
Datuk Daniel Tajem anak Miri (PBDS)	4,409
Majority	59
Votes Cast	9,013
Spoilt Votes	136
Poll Percentage	

**N. 16 SRI AMAN**

Michael Pilo ak. Gangga (BN-SUPP)	5,578
Hollis anak Tini (PBDS)	4,762
Majority	816
Votes Cast	10,531
Spoilt Votes	191
Poll Percentage	

**N. 17 ENKILILI**

Intal anak Rentap (BN-SUPP)	2,061
Sim Choo Nam (PBDS)	3,839
Majority	1,778
Votes Cast	6,041
Spoilt Votes	141
Poll Percentage	

**N. 18 BATANG AI**

Nicholas Bawin anak Anggat (BN-SNAP)	2,020
Mikai anak Mandau (PBDS)	2,761
Majority	741
Votes Cast	4,810
Spoilt Votes	29
Poll Percentage	

**N. 19 SARIBAS**

Bolhassan bin Di (BN-PBB)	4,620
Haji Zainuddin Satem	3,184
Ahmad b. Johan (Bebas/Ind)	108
Majority	1,436
Votes Cast	7,985
Spoilt Votes	73
Poll Percentage	

**N. 20 LAYAR**

Datuk Alfred Jabu (BN-PBB)	4,416
David Impi (PBDS)	2,691
Majority	1,725
Votes Cast	7,186
Spoilt Votes	79
Poll Percentage	

**N. 21 KALAKA**

Abdul Wahab Aziz (BN-PBB)	3,608
Datuk Awang Yusuf Puteh (Permas)	3,685
Majority	77
Votes Cast	7,376
Spoilt Votes	83
Poll Percentage	

**N. 22 KRIAN**

Peter Nyarak ak Entrie (BN-Snap)	3,337
Datuk Edmund Langgu ak Saga (PBDS)	3,751
Majority	414
Votes Cast	7,159
Spoilt Votes	71
Poll Percentage	

**N. 23 KUALA RAJANG**

Hamden bin Ahmad (BN-PBB)	3,251
Saidi Olia (Permas)	2,110
Majority	1,141
Votes Cast	5,425
Spoilt Votes	64
Poll Percentage	

**N. 24 MATU DARO**

Wahab Haji Dollah (BN-PBB)	5,302
Tun Rahman Yakub (Permas)	3,677
Majority	1,625
Votes Cast	9,112
Spoilt Votes	133
Poll Percentage	

**N. 25 REPOK**

David Teng Lung Chi (BN-SUPP)	6,479
Wong Sin Nang (DAP)	5,564
Majority	914
Votes Cast	12,140
Spoilt Votes	97
Poll Percentage	

**N. 26 MERADONG**

Thomas Hii King Hiong (BN-SUPP)	5,371
Chong Siew Chiang (DAP)	4,134
Majority	1,237
Votes Cast	9,612
Spoilt Votes	107
Poll Percentage	

**N. 27 MALING**

Datuk Dr Wong Soon Kai (BN-SUPP)	19,239
Ling Sie Ming (DAP)	9,858
Majority	9,381
Votes Cast	29,298
Spoilt Votes	201
Poll Percentage	

**N. 28 SEDUAN**

Ting Ing Mieng (BN-SUPP)	7,023
Lee Sie Kui alias Eric Lee (Permas)	684
Loh Ngie Hock (Bebas)	155
Ling Sii Kiong (DAP)	2,331
Majority	4,692
Votes Cast	10,259
Spoilt Votes	66
Poll Percentage	



**N. 29 IGAN**

Wong Soon Koh (BN-SUPP)	2,402
Nait ak Mani alias Anthony (Bebas/Ind)	81
David Tiong Chiong Chu (Permas)	2,475
Majority	23
Votes Cast	4,951
Spoilt Votes	43
Poll Percentage	

**N. 30 DUDONG**

Jawan Empaling (BN-SUPP)	4,717
Siew Chee Kiong (Ind/Bebas)	232
Wilfred Kirroh ak. Jeram (PBDS)	4,406
Majority	311
Votes Cast	9,513
Spoilt Votes	158
Poll Percentage	

**N. 31 BALINGIAN**

Abdul Ajis bin Abdul Majeed (BN-PBB)	5,104
Wan Habib Mahmud (Permas)	3,473
Majority	1,631
Votes Cast	8,743
Spoilt Votes	166
Poll Percentage	

**N. 32 OYA**

Ghazali bin Kifli (BN-PBB)	2,705
Wan Madzih Mahdzar (Permas)	4,679
Majority	1,974
Votes Cast	7,467
Spoilt Votes	85
Poll Percentage	

**N. 33 PAKAN**

William Mawan Ikom (BN-SNAP)	2,195
Jawie Masing (PBDS)	2,453
Majority	258
Votes Cast	4,716
Spoilt Votes	68
Poll Percentage	

**N. 34 MELUAN**

Jangu anak Pengarah Panyang (BN-PBB)	2,091
Geman anak Itam (PBDS)	3,135
Majority	1,044
Votes Cast	5,287
Spoilt Votes	61
Poll Percentage	

**N. 35 MACHAN**

Martin ak. Charlie (BN-PBB)	2,438
Gramong Juna (PBDS)	3,426
Majority	988
Votes Cast	5,921
Spoilt Votes	57
Poll Percentage	

**N. 36 NGEAMH**

Tan Anak Seliong (BN-SNAP)	2,068
Joseph Anak Kudi (PBDS)	2,427
Majority	359
Votes Cast	4,571
Spoilt Votes	76
Poll Percentage	

**N. 37 KATIBAS**

Ambrose Blikau Enturan (BN-PBB)	2,080
Kuin Anak Kedal (Bebas)	139
Felix Bantin Anak Ijibom (PBDS)	2,624
Majority	544
Votes Cast	4,980
Spoilt Votes	137
Poll Percentage	

**N. 38 PELAGUS**

Kanyan ak. Temenggong Koh (BN-PBB)	2,226
Phi Limon Ak. Nuing (PBDS)	2,242
Sng Chee Hua (Ind/Bebas)	1,289
Jangi ak. Peng Jemut (Ind/Bebas)	433
Majority	16
Votes Cast	6,289
Spoilt Votes	99
Poll Percentage	

**N. 39 BALEH**

Joseph Datuk Jinggut (BN-SUPP)	2,425
James Jemut ak Masing (PBDS)	3,516
Majority	1,091
Votes Cast	6,039
Spoilt Votes	98
Poll Percentage	

**N. 40 BELAGA**

Nyipa Killah @ Nyiba Bato (BN-PBB)	2,934
Datuk Tajang Laing (Permas)	1,501
Majority	1,433
Votes Cast	4,531
Spoilt Votes	96
Poll Percentage	

**N. 41 TATAU**

Daniel Sigah (BN-SNAP)	2,310
Bolhassan bin Kambur (PBDS)	2,555
Jatan ak. Lintang (DAP)	356
Majority	245
Votes Cast	5,289
Spoilt Votes	68
Poll Percentage	

**N. 42 KEMENA**

Datuk Celestine Ujang (BN-PBB)	6,581
Victor Temenggong Angang (Permas)	4,623
Chiew Chin Sing (DAP)	2,462
Majority	1,958
Votes Cast	13,803
Spoilt Votes	137
Poll Percentage	



**N. 43 SUBIS**

Usop Bin Wahab (BN-PBB)	5,672
Ali Bin Mana (InJ/Bebas)	95
Datuk Salleh Jafaruddin (Permas)	6,390
Chong Kon Fatt (DAP)	254
Linggi anak Balong (Ind/Bebas)	61
David anak La (Ind/Bebas)	42
Majority.....	718
Votes Cast.....	12,756
Spoilt Votes.....	222
Poll Percentage.....	

**N. 44 MIRI**

Dr George Chan Hong Nam (BN-SUPP)	14,352
Wong Ho Leng (DAP)	6,079
Majority.....	8,273
Votes Cast.....	20,585
Spoilt Votes.....	154
Poll Percentage.....	

**N. 45 MARUDI**

Atong ak. Chuwat (BN-SNAP)	3,102
Abu Bakar bin Abdullah (Bebas/Ind)	278
Edward Jeli ak Blayong (PBDS)	4,156
Majority.....	1,054
Votes Cast.....	7,633
Spoilt Votes.....	97
Poll Percentage.....	

**N. 46 TELANG USANG**

Kebing Wan (BN-PBB)	2,644
Datuk Balan Seling (PBDS)	2,878
Majority.....	234
Votes Cast.....	5,601
Spoilt Votes.....	79
Poll Percentage.....	

**N. 47 LUMBANG**

Datuk Amar James Wong (BN-SNAP)	4,555
Munir bin Karim (Permas)	4,168
Ali Bin Abdullah (Bebas/Ind)	89
Thianeng ak. Chuan Teck (Bebas/Ind)	271
Majority.....	387
Votes Cast.....	9,213
Spoilt Votes.....	130
Poll Percentage.....	

**N. 48 LAWAS**

Tengah bin Ali Hassan	3,722
Awangku Yusof bin Pengiran Bongsu (Permas)	495
Michael Labor Buaye (Bebas/Ind)	2,912
Majority.....	810
Voter Cast.....	7,179
Spoilt Votes.....	50
Poll Percentage.....	





# ELECTION MANIFESTO OF BARISAN NASIONAL SARAWAK 1987

## THE BARISAN NASIONAL GOVERNMENT WILL:

Sarawak, under the Barisan Nasional led by Y.A.B. Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud has established a very strong foundation for its further development. Already it has made tremendous headway in the agricultural sector with the commencement of various agricultural projects in the form of estates, mini estates and small modern farming units which will benefit everyone especially the rural people. It has begun to embark in a big way, on the development of resource based industries such as petrochemicals and wood based. It has come up with concrete plans for accelerating the pace of development of social and infrastructural facilities. It has adopted effective policy and programmes for the development of human resource.

In the midst of pursuing all these, the Barisan Nasional Sarawak has been threatened by a small gang of people who sought through devious, unethical and dishonourable means to topple a lawfully elected government. We are therefore duty bound to seek a dissolution of the Dewan Undangan Negeri and to call for a general election to let the people of Sarawak decide whom they want to govern the State. We cannot and must not allow a handful of power-crazy and desperate political pirates to undermine the fabric of our government destroy the democratic system of our state which we so dearly cherish and to jeopardise the multi-ethnic fraternity that we have enjoyed for so long in Sarawak.

You have now before you a choice between the Barisan Nasional Government, and a group of disgruntled people, hungry for power but with nothing to offer, who acted with total disregard for the well-being of the Rakyat, and who sought to usurp your sacred constitutional right to elect a government of your own free choice by attempting to seize control of the State Administration through stealth and manipulation.

On the other hand the Barisan Nasional Government seeks to ensure continued stability and development by preserving goodwill and harmony amongst our people and the full cooperation of all in our development efforts.

Vote Barisan Nasional for a United and Prosperous Sarawak - and Power to the People!

- Ensure peace, stability and racial harmony among the various ethnic communities in Sarawak.
- Uphold the freedom of religion and cultural practices.
- Protect the rights and uphold the interests of the ethnic minorities.
- Actively pursue the Politics of Development to bring about progress and prosperity to all races in both urban and rural areas.
- Intensify our efforts to develop the rural and remote areas for the benefits of our people irrespective of religion and community.
- Continue to expand our land development programmes to increase agricultural output and income of our people.
- Provide better basic facilities and amenities to our urban poor particularly the homeless and the low income group.
- Accelerate the growth of our industrial and commercial development.
- Take positive steps to increase educational and employment opportunities in Sarawak.
- Continue to recognize and develop the potentials of our youth and to prepare them to be leaders and responsible citizens of the future.
- Preserve the practice of the sharing of power through active participation of the various communities in the deliberation and implementation of all matters pertaining to the administration of the State.
- Bring together into Politics and Administration, leaders of integrity, sincerity, dedication and ability, and who are committed to upholding the sanctity of our State Constitution.

## **PEACE, STABILITY AND RACIAL HARMONY**

The Barisan Nasional Government promises the continuity of peace, stability and harmony for the well-being of all in the State of Sarawak. Towards this end the government has established the Social Development Council and The Consultative Committee to discuss relevant issues and promote goodwill and harmony among all the communities. The Barisan Nasional Government will reject any kind of extremism and fanaticism as it will destroy the peace and stability of our state.

## **FREEDOM OF RELIGION AND CULTURAL PRACTICES**

We, in the Barisan Nasional Government, will continue to uphold and promote the freedom of religion and cultural practices of our people. We oppose all forms of extremism and all attempts by any group to exploit religions and cultural issues for their own political ends.

## **RIGHTS AND INTERESTS OF ETHNIC MINORITIES**

Sarawak is a multi-racial society comprising many ethnic groups. It has always been the policy and practice of the Barisan Nasional Government to uphold the rights and interests of our ethnic minorities to ensure that they are brought into the mainstream of government activities, and participate meaningfully for their own benefits.

## **POLITICS OF DEVELOPMENT**

The politics of development is a strategy to bring about greater and more intensive development to benefit all communities throughout the State. We will not allow a small group of individuals to monopolise and waste our resources, while the majority of our people remain poor.

The Barisan Nasional Government is committed to the optimum utilization of our States' resources for the well-being and benefits of all.

## **DEVELOPMENT OF THE RURAL AREAS**

To further improve the standard of living of our rural people the Barisan Nasional Government will intensify the development of our rural areas through the provision and improvement of roads, drainage and irrigation, water supply, electricity and other infrastructural facilities and amenities. For example, during the Fifth Malaysia Plan, the present Government has allocated \$325 million for the implementation of rural water supplies alone. This will benefit thousands of families throughout the State.

## **AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES**

Realizing the potential of land which is a major resource for the development of our state, the Barisan Nasional Government is implementing massive programmes to develop vast areas into agricultural estates, including mini-estates, and organised farm units. The Government has directed its agencies to expand their activities to implement agricultural projects for the benefits of the landowners.

Efforts will also be intensified to improve the productivity and income of small-holders and fishermen through our various modernisation programmes, such as expanding the coverage and scope of Farmers Organization and the construction of the seven Fisheries Complexes throughout the State.

## **BETTER BASIC AMENITIES TO URBAN POOR**

The provision of basic amenities in the urban sector is given a high priority by the Barisan Nasional Government. These include the provision of low-cost housing, sites and services, water supply, electricity etc. For example, the Government has allocated over \$200 million in the Fifth Malaysia Plan for low-cost housing and sites and services schemes throughout the State.

## **INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

The promotion of industrial and commercial development is high on the list of Barisan Nasional's priorities. Continued efforts will be taken to facilitate greater participation to the private sector to embark into new industries utilizing the State's natural resources, especially timber, petrochemicals and agro-products.

The Barisan Nasional Government is carrying out its plans to tap the State tourist potentials which will generate both income and employment for Sarawak. At the same time the Barisan Nasional Government will intensify the promotion of small-scale industries, including handicrafts and cottage industries.

## **EDUCATION**

The Barisan Nasional Government will continue to provide better and more educational facilities and opportunities at all levels for the rakyat. Our priority will be to reduce the burden of parents by providing assistance, such as giving free text-books, loans and scholarship to deserving students.

The State Barisan Nasional Government will continue to fight for greater allocation of places for Sarawak students in our institutions of higher learning particularly before a full fledged university is established in the State.

## **YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

The Barisan Nasional Government is fully aware of the important role of youth in nation building and will continue to support the promotion of Youth Organizations and provide sports facilities and training institutions for them. At the same time, the Barisan Nasional Government will strive to create greater employment opportunities in all sectors to absorb our youth into the labour force.

## **SHARING OF POWER THROUGH ACTIVE PARTICIPATION**

We, in the Barisan Nasional Government are committed to work together as a team, based on the concept of the sharing of power so as to enable the widest possible participation of all our communities. We are opposed to the leadership of any person or any group which is based on personal greed and parochialism.

## **LEADERS WITH INTEGRITY AND DEDICATION**

The Barisan Nasional Government will not tolerate leaders who are passive, ineffective and without integrity as this will only lead to its failure in delivering the goods to the people who have voted them to power. The Barisan Nasional Government will continue to bring together into politics and administration leaders of integrity, sincerity, dedication and ability, and who are committed to upholding the sanctity of our State Constitution and the promotion of multi-ethnic fraternity thereby assuming the dignity of the individuals and the unity of our people.

# JOINT MANIFESTO PERMAS — PBDS

## WHY ARE PERMAS AND PBDS WORKING TOGETHER AS A TEAM?

For the past six years Sarawak has been ruled by Abdul Taib Mahmud and in that time he and his administration have done many bad things.

They have diverted development away from what the people want and need and have instead concentrated on prestigious projects of little immediate benefit to the people, such as Damai Beach.

Rather than concentrate on the plight of the small farmers they have given away huge tracts of land to outsiders to develop, with the help of immigrant labour.

They have interfered with native land rights — Balai Ringin was a glaring example — thus disturbing the states traditional racial harmony.

They have demoralised and politicised the civil service and introduced favouritism, nepotism and victimisation.

They have interfered with the award of tenders and licences for political purposes.

They have failed to ensure a fair distribution of development projects, discriminating against some and favouring others.

They have so misruled the State that political instability has resulted.

They must be removed from power before they cause lasting damage to the people and State of Sarawak.

Abdul Taib's "Politics of Dreams" must be replaced by "Politik Rakyat" — Government For The People, Not Government For The Leaders!

## WHAT DO WE STAND FOR?

### WE STAND FOR:-

- Justice
- Freedom
- Democracy
- Racial Harmony
- Religious Toleration
- Rule of Law
- Rukunegara
- The true and original Barisan Nasional Principles
- Development for the People
- National Intergration

### WE CARE FOR-

- Your Feeling
- Your Aspirations
- Your Future
- Sarawak's Rights

## JOIN US AND HELP US

### 1. TO END THE PRESENT:-

- Reign of Fear
- Abuse of Authority
- Malice and Hatred for Others.
- Victimization and Intimidations.

### 2. TO UPHOLD, PROTECT AND RE-ESTABLISH:-

- The Rule of Law.
- "Politik Rakyat".
- Sarawak Rights
- An Open Society.
- Genuine Racial Harmony, Peace and Goodwill.

### 3. TO RESTORE:-

- Democracy
- Genuine Multiracial Unity
- Human Rights and Dignity.
- Political Sanity
- The Principle of Share and Share Alike.

### 4. TO ENSURE THAT:-

- Ministerial powers are exercised in accordance with the law for the protection and benefit of the Rakyat
- All Ministers and Public Administrators are easily accessible to the people.
- Priority be given to Sarawakians in job and business opportunities.
- All Ministers and Public Administrators are punctual in keeping their appointments.
- Each Minister is given full authority and responsibility for his own Ministry.
- All Assistant Ministers are fully responsible to their respective Ministers.

## ETHNIC ASPIRATIONS

We accept as a natural reality the aspirations of the different Ethnic Groups.

We should never regard these as a threat to others.

Instead we must make every effort to channel the hopes of all races towards greater national consciousness.

## DEVELOPMENT

Every Government provides development for the people. That is its responsibility.

Our Government will ensure that all development programmes are designed to provide maximum benefit for all the people.

Grandiose Schemes which appear to be good on paper, but do little to help the people, will be discarded.

We will concentrate on providing people with the development they want, and not on unrealistic schemes dreamed up by one man.

Every effort will be made to ensure a fair distribution of development throughout the State and amongst all races.

# OUR ECONOMIC POLICY

## A. WE BELIEVE:

1. In Free Enterprise and Private Investment.
2. That Government Agencies
  - \* Should promote Industries
  - \* Must NOT compete against the private sector, as are being done by SEDC and LCDA today.
3. In encouraging Genuine Joint Ventures which benefit ALL races.
4. That Implementation of the New Economic Policy must truly assist the have nots, irrespective of race or religion.
5. People should not be deprived of what rightly belongs to them.
6. Wealth should not be concentrated in the hands of a privileged few.
7. No outside firm should be brought in to do work that can be done by locals. For example, we oppose the Chief Minister's employment of a Japanese firm for the simple task of building houses in Kampong Tunku Abdul Rahman, Miri.
8. The processing of tenders must strictly adhere to established procedures. It is wrong for the Chief Minister to award tenders to his political friends and brothers as their price for toeing his line.

## B. WE WILL ENSURE THAT:-

1. Our Forest Resources are exploited in accordance with the recommendations of the Food and Agricultural Organisation of the United Nations
2. The powers under the Forest Ordinance will not be abused and used as political tool against licencees.
3. No licence will be canceled unless there are clean breaches of the conditions of licence.
4. Our Natural Resources will not be exploited to the detriment of our environment or the habitat of the rural people
5. Greater efforts are made to establish woodbased industries in order to provide increased income for the State and more jobs for the people.

## C. STATE RESERVE FUNDS:

1. It is prudent to maintain a certain level of reserves but other available funds ought to be utilised to generate economic activities, to provide employment and to assist the less-developed areas in a systematic and regular manner.
2. It is a crime to hoard money which can be spent to help provide projects for the contractors, jobs for the unemployed and to boost the economy during a period of recession.
3. It is a crime and a misuse of power to spend government money to buy votes during an election period as is being done at present.
4. To go on a spending spree as is being done by the Chief Minister and his minority government shows their fear of impending rejection by the people and proves a complete lack of proper planning of development projects.

# LAND POLICY

## WE PROMISE THAT :-

1. Rural land will be surveyed and titles issued to the rightful owners.
2. The infringement of Native Land Rights will cease immediately.
3. Efforts will be made to provide land for genuinely landless farmers.
4. Participation in Land Schemes must be voluntary. No person may be forced to participate in any scheme against his will, and no land may be included in a scheme without the owner's consent.
5. Government leaders will never be permitted to abuse their powers to acquire private land at a low price and give such land to favoured private developers (as was done, for example, at Salim, Sibul thereby depriving the landowners of their rights).
6. Where Government Agencies are involved in the development of private land, the participation of the landowners in partnership with the developers will be assured. The method introduced under the "Landowners' Participation Scheme" in the new Miri town (Beautiful Jade Centre) will be used as a guide.
7. (a) Compensation for land acquired for government purposes must be based on the market price at the time of payment of compensation and NOT when notice to acquire under Section 47 of the Land Code is issued.  
(b) The powers granted under Section 47 will not, be abused. We will not, for example, place an entire town under Section 47, as the Abdul Taib Regime did in Lawas.  
(c) Notice of intention to acquire land under Section 47 of the Land Code shall automatically lapse after three years if the land has not been acquired by government within that period.  
(d) Steps will be taken to ensure that repeated notices under Section 47 of the Land Code, contrary to (c) above, will not be permitted.  
(e) We will amend the Land Code to give effect to these proposals and to remedy weaknesses exploited by the present regime.

# AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES

1. We will support all efforts to obtain fair prices for Agricultural produce.
2. We will concentrate our efforts on helping local farmers.
3. We will accelerate efforts to introduce modern and efficient farming techniques to replace outdated methods to ensure higher productivity.
4. Fishermen will be helped to increase their incomes through the provision of training and improved facilities.
5. Efforts will be made to seek a demarcation of fishing grounds acceptable to both trawler operators and in-shore fishermen.

7. (a) There shall be regular consultations between the Government and SGOU through the Consultations Forum; and
- (b) That the genuine grievances of Civil Servants are dealt with speedily and sympathetically and not ignored or rejected out of hand
8. That no Civil Servant will be forced to attend political rallies or campaign in Federal or State Elections as is being done by the present minority Government.

## IMMIGRATION

### WE WILL:-

1. Review the present immigration procedures from time to time to ensure that they suit the changing circumstances.
2. Strongly discourage, and prohibit if necessary, the employment of foreign workers.

## FEDERAL — STATE RELATIONS AND NATIONAL ISSUES

### WE PLEDGE:-

1. To maintain close co-operation with the Federal Government.
2. To urge the Federal Government to solve the problems of those Sarawakians who have been classified as "Stateless" through no fault of their own.
3. To urge the Federal Government to give priority to Sarawakians in respect of job opportunities in Federal Departments and Statutory Bodies in Sarawak.
4. To urge the Federal Government to solve the identity card problems of residents in the interior regions.
5. To encourage and support efforts towards greater National intergration though not at the expense of any of the rights of Sarawak and its people
6. We will negotiate with the Federal Government to increase the royalties for our petroleum and gas, reviving the efforts first initiated before Abdul Taib become Chief Minister.
7. We will make every effort to revive long-stalled Federal projects such as the Bintulu Airport and the Sibul Hospital.

## HOUSING

1. We believe that all families have a right to decent shelter and basic amenities. We support the evolution of a house-owning democracy as championed by our Bapa Malaysia, Tunku Abdul Rahman.

2. (a) We will speed up the building of Low-cost houses.
- (b) We will also provide building lots serviced with roads, water and electricity ("Sites and Services") for those people who wish to build their own houses.
- (c) We will take urgent steps to solve the growing squatter problem.
3. Our Government will encourage DIRECT Private Sector participation in the Housing Industry rather than involve Middleman Agencies such as LCDA.

## OUR EDUCATION POLICY

### WE WILL FIGHT FOR THE FOLLOWING:

1. A full-fledged University in Sarawak.
2. More opportunities for Sarawak students to enter local Universities, Institutes of Technology and other centres of higher learning.
3. The preservation of Vernacular (mother-tongue) Schools such as Chinese and Iban.
4. The provision of more Vocational Schools.
5. Equitable distribution of Educational Opportunities based on merit and needs and free of racial or religious discrimination.

## GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND THE CIVIL SERVICE

### WE WILL :-

1. Streamline the Administrative Machinery of Government to ensure that the areas of responsibility are clearly defined and understood to avoid confusion and overlapping among the Ministers and Statutory Bodies.
2. Review the existence of the Land Custody and Development Authority (LCDA). In the event this or any other Semi-Government Agency is closed down, every effort will be taken to ensure that the employees affected do not suffer.
3. Strive for the continued use of English as a second official language in Sarawak until a higher standard in the use of Bahasa Malaysia is reached.

### AND ENSURE:-

4. (a) Genuine neutrality of the Civil Service.
- (b) That no favouritism or nepotism is permitted in the Civil Service; and
- (c) That no Civil Servant shall be penalised in any way for holding views contrary to those of his Minister.
5. That promotions are based on seniority, experience, qualification and merit, with due consideration for the need to have equitable representation of all Ethnic Groups at every level of the Civil Service.
6. That the Public Service Commission is genuinely independent and free from Government or political pressures and interference.



# SARAWAK DEMOCRATIC ACTION PARTY

## 1987 STATE ELECTION MANIFESTO

Politics is about the reality of political strength.

Politics controls the affairs of the masses and determines the fundamental rights of the people as well as the future of the many generations to come.

Politics is a tool for promoting justice. It should promote democratic spirit and encourage the attainment of equality and freedom.

Hence, political power should not be used as a tool for furthering the interest of any political leader or party. It should serve as an instrument for safeguarding and promoting the people's interest.

### THE PRESENT SNAP ELECTION

The present political crisis has put many Sarawakians at a political crossroad. People are confused and troubled.

Despite the fact that Sarawak has been independent for the past twenty four years Sarawakians are still unable to enjoy the benefits of the rich natural resources of Sarawak.

The plight of Sarawakians today is due partly to Federal neglect, and partly due to weakness in the State Government. Since 1970 when the SUPP joined the Barisan Nasional government, their ever-compromising attitude on every major issue has resulted in the rapid erosion of Chinese fundamental rights.

Only a political breakthrough by means of creating a new political power equation can bring us out of our present dilemma.

The present political crisis is an opportunity for us to create a new balance of political power to achieve a political breakthrough and to open up a new political frontier.

The people's rights and interests can only be ensured by their own strength, resolve and courage. They cannot rely on someone else's mercy.

### ANALYSIS OF PRESENT POLITICAL SITUATION

A total of 48 seats are up for grabs in the coming election. While 25 seats are considered as Dayak majority seats, 15 are Malay majority seats and the remaining 8 are Chinese majority seats.

Any party which obtains more than 24 seats will hold the key to power.

While Rahman's and Taib's strengths seem to be comparable, PBDG's rise is already a certainty in view of the resurgence of Dayakism.

Another certainty is that after the election, the traditional ruling power will be divided into two camps.

Hence, under such circumstances, the Chinese-dominated urban seats have become the single most vital wedge in the new balance of power.

Sarawakians, especially the Chinese, must now take the advantage of the present situation to create a new situation whereby the erosion of their rights can be effectively checked and defended.

Chinese participation in the new government is a must, whoever wins the election.

The Chinese support for the next government must not be based on the SUPP unconditional and blind support for Datuk Taib. It must be done in exchange for the restoration of lost rights and as a force for balancing the resurgence of Dayakism.

DAP will be the third force for bringing about a new political frontier for the Chinese! DAP can and will achieve a political breakthrough for the Chinese.

DAP urges for strong support in the eleven seats it is contesting, so as to obtain sufficient political leverage for bargaining with the power to be.

Undoubtedly, DAP is in a better position than the SUPP to create a new political frontier and to bring new hope to the Chinese community because:

- DAP leaders are of high calibre; their political stand, commitment and courage have been tested and proven.
- DAP has many leaders of capability; its present election candidate line up comprises 5 lawyers, 3 university graduates and 3 political stalwarts.
- DAP leaders possess altruistic political convictions; we strive for a just and fair society. We will not sacrifice the people's rights and interest.
- DAP is innovative and always prepared to create new frontiers so as to obtain a strong foothold for Sarawakians of all races, especially the Chinese.

### THE DAP'S DECISION IN THE COMING ELECTION

Sarawak DAP, with the agreement of the DAP Central Working Committee, has decided on the following:

- DAP urges strong support from the people for the eleven seats it is contesting so that it can emerge as the third force in the new political equation;
- DAP pledges that after having obtained the position as the third force, DAP will either support a minority government in the DUN, or join a new coalition-plus government, provided that the new government accepts the following principles:
  - To ensure that the political and socio-economic rights of Sarawakians will be protected and to fulfil the objective of "Sarawakians Sarawak" within the context of "Malaysia Malaysia";
  - To ensure that the state's administration is reorganised; the intake of civil servants fairly distributed among the major races and their

promotion based on merit, qualification and seniority;

- To continue to support Bahasa Malaysia as the national language while continuing the use of English for official purposes;
- To ensure that the rich natural resources of the state such as timber, minerals and land will be developed for the benefit of the poor, and to ensure that the various licences will be awarded through an open tender system;
- To ensure the unbridled use, teaching and development of the mother tongues of all the ethnic groups, and to ensure government committed support and allocation for this purpose;
- To set up a full-fledged Sarawak university;
- To ensure the freedom of religion, association and speech, and to set a beginning for a new era and a new Open Society;
- To actively promote the positive values, traditional practices and cultures of all the ethnic groups in order to build a truly multi-racial Sarawak through integration and not through assimilation;
- To negotiate for the State's oil royalty to be increased from 2% to 10%;
- To fight for the farmers' right to possess guns for the purpose of protecting their crops against animals;
- To review the ruling whereby West Malaysians are permitted to enter Sarawak without passports so as to regain immigration autonomy and to protect job opportunities for Sarawakians;
- To ensure that any Government acquisition of private land under Section 47 will automatically become null and void if such land is not actually used for public purposes after a period of three years;
- To review the repeal of Rent Control Act so as to seek amiable solution to the conflict between landlords and tenants;
- To implement low-cost housing projects, with each housing unit costing not more than \$32,000 so as to satisfy Sarawakians' hunger for proper housing;
- To review laws and regulations on property development so as to protect the interests of home-buyers, banks and financing institutions, architects, contractors and developers;
- To implement meaningful socio-economic development programmes, including development of basic infrastructural projects, so as to eradicate poverty, provide jobs and raise the living standard of the people;
- To check corruption in Sarawak and demand for higher productivity and efficiency in Government;
- To implement resettlement schemes for squatters in the town areas;
- To ensure that the Chairman of the various local councils in Chinese-dominated towns such as Kuching, Sibiu and Miri will be Chinese;
- To ensure that the Chinese community in co-operation with the other communities will be integrated into the mainstream of our State.

Cheng Hui Hong (N3 Padungan)  
 Sim Kwang Yang (N4 Stampin)  
 Lim Guan Sing (N9 Batu Kawa )  
 Wong Sing Nang (N25 Repok)  
 Chong Siew Chiang (N26 Meradong)  
 Ling Sie Ming (N27 Maling)  
 Ling Sii Kiong (N28 Seduan)  
 Jatan Ak Linting (N41 Tatau)  
 Chiew Chiu Sing (N42 Kemena)  
 Chong Kon Fatt (N43 Subis)  
 Richard Wong Ho Leng (N44 Miri)

# HOW THE SARAWAK ELECTORATE EXERCISED THEIR RIGHTS IN 1983

**N.1 LUNDU**

Ramsay Noel Jitam (SUPP)	4146
Mohd. Shamsuddin Mokhtar (Bebas)	2092
Jeham ak Milos (Bebas)	891
Ahmad Bin Som (Bebas)	208
Hasan @ Hassan bin Mawi (Bebas)	127
Winston Tujang ak Pata (Bebas)	44

Majority	2054
Votes Cast	.....
Spoilt Votes	.....
Poll Percentage	.....



Mr Ramsay Noel Jitam

**N.2 TASIK BIRU**

Dr. Patau Rubis (SNAP)	7064
Peter Minos (BN)	4389
Aloysius Dom @ Gaing ak Naguk (Bebas)	114

Majority	4389
Votes Cast	11701
Spoilt Votes	134
Poll Percentage	76.35



Dr Patau Rubis

**N.3 PADUNGAN**

Song Swee Guan (SUPP)	11665
Sim Kheng Sung @ Sim Kwang Yang (DAP)	8121
Alexander John Shek Kwok Bun (SNAP)	1058

Majority	3544
Votes Cast	20968
Spoilt Votes	124
Poll Percentage	77.76



Mr Song Swee Guan

**N.4 STAMPHIN**

Tan Sri Datuk Amar Sim Kheng Hong (SUPP)	15429
Yong Sen Chan (DAP)	6719

Majority	8710
Votes Cast	22417
Spoilt Votes	269
Poll Percentage	77.14



Tan Sri Sim Kheng Hong

**N.5 PETRA JAYA**

Hajjah Hafshah Harun (PBB)	6107
Fauzi Hassan (Bebas)	1265
Haji Eden Abdullah (Bersatu)	544

Majority	4842
Votes Cast	8074
Spoilt Votes	158
Poll Percentage	73.43



Datuk Hajjah Hafshah Harun

**N.6 SATOK**

Abg. Johari Tun Abang Haji Openg (PBB)	10234
Abg. Ariffin Abg. Shebli (Bersatu)	1638

Majority	8596
Votes Cast	12118
Spoilt Votes	246
Poll Percentage	62.98



Abang Johari

**N.7 SERANDI**

Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud (BN)	3720
Bujang Bakar (Bebas)	1406
Abg. Saufi Abg. Adenan (Bersatu)	66

Majority	2314
Votes Cast	5265
Spoilt Votes	77
Poll Percentage	75.61



Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib

**N.8 MUARA TUANG**

Adenan Haji Sateh (PBB)	4518
Abg. Ibrahim Datuk Abg. Othman (Bebas)	822
Abg. Haji Mohd. Kassim Abg. Taha (Bersatu)	292

Majority	3969
Votes Cast	5768
Spoilt Votes	136
Poll Percentage	78.04



Encik Adenan Sateh

**N.9 BATU KAWA**

Chong Kiun Kong (SUPP)	7517
Peter Nuab (Bebas)	1441
Angga John Lawrence (Bebas)	984

Majority	6076
Votes Cast	102244
Spoilt Votes	302
Poll Percentage	70.55



Mr Chong Kiun Kong

**N.10 BENGOH**

Wilfred Nissom ak Kunchi (Bebas)	5720
William Tanyuh ak Nub (BN)	4534
George Si-Ricord (Bebas)	96

Majority	1126
Votes Cast	10543
Spoilt Votes	133
Poll Percentage	80.43



Mr Wilfred Rata Nissom

**N.11 TARAT**

Robert Jacob Ridu (PBB)	3950
Rahun ak Debak (Bebas)	3502
Chai Mok Shin (Bebas)	633
Narayanan Sachidanandan (Bebas)	574
Robert Bangkik Kandong (Bebas)	105

Majority	448
Votes Cast	9855
Spoilt Votes	191
Poll Percentage	73.69



Mr Robert Jacob Ridu

**N.12 TEBAKANG**

Michael Ben Panggi (SNAP)	4046
Lainus ak Andrew Luak (PBDS)	2949
Frederick Bayoi Manggi (Bebas)	359
Nelson Kundai Ngareng (Bebas)	359

Majority	1097
Votes Cast	10123
Spoilt Votes	262
Poll Percentage	71.47



Mr Michael Ben

**N.13 SEMERA**

Wan Abdul Wahab Wan Sanusi (PBB)	2426
Wan Aikap bin Tuanku Esin (Bebas)	1666
Tan Guek Lian (Bebas)	1198
Salleh bin Zain (Bebas)	43

Majority .....	760
Votes Cast .....	5460
Spoilt Votes .....	127
Poll Percentage .....	69.20



Wan Abdul Wahab  
Wan Sanusi

**N.14 GEDONG**

Mohd. Hilary Tawan (PBB)	2675
Cikgu Ahmad Jariee (Bebas)	1211
Hj. Bujang bin Haji Drahim (Bebas)	297
Mathew Aing ak Musar (Bebas)	205
Junaldi bin Bolhassan (Bebas)	203

Majority .....	1464
Votes Cast .....	4672
Spoilt Votes .....	81
Poll Percentage .....	68.62



Encik Mohammed  
Hilary Tawan

**N.15 LINGGA**

Datuk Daniel Tajem (PBDS)	4562
Jacob ak. Imang (SNAP)	3167
Wan Akil bin Tuanku Mahmud (Bebas)	166
Morshidi bin Hj. Umi (Bebas)	122
Donald Lawan (Bebas)	122

Majority .....	1395
Votes Cast .....	8197
Spoilt Votes .....	108
Poll Percentage .....	72.70



Datuk Daniel Tajem

**N.16 SRI AMAN**

Hollis Tini (SUPP)	4101
Ngui Tiew Seng (Bebas)	2661
Abg. Haji Taha Datuk Abang, Haji Zain (Bebas)	1527
Shamsuddin bin Abdullah @ Epok ak Ungkut (Bebas)	136

Majority .....	1440
Votes Cast .....	8631
Spoilt Votes .....	209
Poll Percentage .....	66.02



Mr Hollis ak Tini

**N.17 ENGKILJI**

Sim Choo Nam (Bebas)	1461
Wilson Allie ak Benyie (SNAP)	1043
Jonathan Nawin ak JInggong (PBDS)	964
Richard Tawan Sedu (Bebas)	921
Simon Dombab Maja (Bebas)	921
Hua Siang Haw (Bebas)	29

Majority .....	418
Votes Cast .....	5007
Spoilt Votes .....	74
Poll Percentage .....	77.02



Mr. Sim Choo Nam

**N.18 BATANG AJ**

Mikai ak Mandau (Bebas)	2342
Albert Klinsing ak Manau (BN)	1939
Wilson Daikan ak Suntik (Bebas)	84
Rok ak Angkut @ Shamsuddin Abdullah (Bebas)	59
Lim Ah San ak Engkum (Bebas)	30

Majority .....	304
Votes Cast .....	4526
Spoilt Votes .....	26
Poll Percentage .....	



Mr Mikai ak Mandau

**N.19 SARIBAS**

Hj. Zainuddin Haji Satem (PBB)	3119
Mohd. Parhi bin Haji Bujang (Bebas)	1893
Abg. Medeli bin Abg. Haji Dahlan (Bebas)	1467

Majority .....	1226
Votes Cast .....	6595
Spoilt Votes .....	116
Poll Percentage .....	66.77



Haji Zainudin  
Haji Satem

**N.20 LAYAR**

Datuk Alfred Jabu Numpang (PBB)	8053
Razali Sabang (Bebas)	1326

Majority .....	3727
Votes Cast .....	6455
Spoilt Votes .....	76
Poll Percentage .....	71.65



Datuk Alfred Jabu

**N.21 KALAKA**

Dtk. Wan Yusof Tun Dik. Patinggi Tuanku Hj. Bujang (BN)	3828
Mohd. Rambli Haji Omar (Bebas)	1055
Jong Nam Hin (Bebas)	690
Jong Thai Bee (Bebas)	528
Othman Kawi (Bebas)	120

Majority .....	2773
Votes Cast .....	6358
Spoilt Votes .....	137
Poll Percentage .....	77.33



Datuk Wan Yusof

**N.22 KRIAN**

Datuk Edmund Languu ak Saga (PBDS)	2752
Datuk Peter Tinggom (BN)	2307
John Antau (Bebas)	853
Andau ak Japar (Bebas)	162
Solomon Boyong (Bebas)	65

Majority .....	445
Votes Cast .....	6216
Spoilt Votes .....	77
Poll Percentage .....	75.35



Datuk Edmund Languu

**N.23 KUALA REJANG**

Saidi Olia (PBB)	3305
Dr. Udi Salleh (Bebas)	1850

Majority .....	1445
Votes Cast .....	5214
Spoilt Votes .....	49
Poll Percentage .....	79.45



Encik Sa'adi Olia

**N.24 MATUJABO**

Wahab Haji Dollah (PBB)	
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Encik Wahab Dollah

**UNCONTESTED**

**N.25 REPOK**David Teng Lung Chi (SUPP)  
Chong Siew Chiang (DAP)5791  
5665Mr David Teng  
Lung Chi

Majority .....	726
Votes Cast .....	10959
Spoilt Votes .....	103
Poll Percentage .....	79.92

**N.26 MERADONG**Thomas Hii (SUPP)  
Joseph Salang (Bebas)  
Ting Hii Hiap (DAP)  
Wan Zainal Wan Kassim  
Teo Siang Hai (Bebas)3857  
2960  
2095  
101  
33Mr Thomas Hii  
King Hong

Majority .....	897
Votes Cast .....	9142
Spoilt Votes .....	96
Poll Percentage .....	77.82

**N.27 MALING**Datuk Dr. Wong Soon Kai (SUPP)  
Ling Sie Ming (DAP)21863  
5583Datuk Dr Wong  
Song Kai

Majority .....	16220
Votes Cast .....	27512
Spoilt Votes .....	126
Poll Percentage .....	78.94

**N.28 SEDUAN**Ting Ing Mieng (SUPP)  
Johnny Wong (Bebas)  
Mohd. Syarifuddin Suyong  
Abdullah (Bebas)7445  
1887  
176

Mr Ting Ing Mieng

Majority .....	5558
Votes Cast .....	9582
Spoilt Votes .....	74
Poll Percentage .....	73.98

**N.29 IGAN**David Tiong Chiong Chu (SUPP)  
Linus Melih Lembang (Bebas)  
Neo ak Senin (Bebas)  
Boniface Jubilee (Bebas)2813  
927  
399  
365Mr David Tiong  
Chiong Chu

Majority .....	1886
Votes Cast .....	4594
Spoilt Votes .....	90
Poll Percentage .....	62.58

**N.30 DUDONG**Wilfred Kiroh ak Jiram (Bebas)  
Joseph Tang (BN)  
Raymond Sabang (PBDS)2867  
2695  
2387Mr Wilfred Kiroh ak  
Jeram

Majority .....	175
Votes Cast .....	8064
Spoilt Votes .....	112
Poll Percentage .....	71.56

**N.31 BALURJIAN**Haji Wan Habib  
Syed Mahmud (PBB)  
Enggak ak Antasin  
(Bebas)  
Wong Sing Hong (DAP)  
Awg. Morsidi bin  
Awg. Buyu (Bebas)3777  
1111  
737  
640Wan Habib Syed  
Mahmud

Majority .....	2666
Votes Cast .....	6472
Spoilt Votes .....	207
Poll Percentage .....	68.18

**N.32 OYA**Wan Mahdih (BN)  
(PBB)  
Datuk Salleh  
Jalaruddin (Bebas)4215  
2460

Wan Madzihi

Majority .....	1775
Votes Cast .....	6752
Spoilt Votes .....	77
Poll Percentage .....	97%

**N.33 PAKAN**Dr. Jawie Masing (PBDS)  
William Ikon @ Nawan (BN)  
Kassa ak Jingga (Bebas)2040  
1779  
202Mr Jawie Wilson  
Masing

Majority .....	26
Votes Cast .....	4094
Spoilt Votes .....	73
Poll Percentage .....	76.84

**N.34 MELIAU**Iman ak Itam (BN)  
(SNAP)  
Ambrose Gramong Jelian  
(PBDS)  
Brayan ak Jalang (Bebas)  
Entinggi ak Manggoi (Bebas)1977  
1966  
105  
97

Mr Geman ak Itam

Majority .....	11
Votes Cast .....	4239
Spoilt Votes .....	94
Poll Percentage .....	73.06

**N.35 MACHAN**Gramong Juna (PBDS)  
Stephen Jinggut (BN)  
Ajak Lanyau (Bebas)3017  
2134  
82

Mr Gramong Juna

Majority .....	883
Votes Cast .....	5286
Spoilt Votes .....	33
Poll Percentage .....	76.73

**N.36 NGEAMAN**Joseph Kudi (PBDS)  
Thomas Babai Lias (BN)  
Joseph Uteng (Bebas)1948  
1463  
860

Mr Joseph ak Kudi

Majority .....	480
Votes Cast .....	4376
Spoilt Votes .....	100
Poll Percentage .....	71.22

**N.37 KETIBAS**

Ambrose Blikau Enturan (PBB)	2155
Baling ak Jengging (Bebas)	1636
Toh Tze Hua (Bebas)	460
Tawai ak Lalang (Bebas)	216

Majority .....	519
Votes Cast .....	4605
Spoilt Votes .....	141
Poll Percentage .....	64.52



Mr Ambrose Blikau

**N.38 PELAGUS**

Nuing ak Kudi (BN)(PBDS)	2567
Jonathan Sabai (PBDS)	1998
Lawrence Baling (Bebas)	453

Majority .....	569
Votes Cast .....	4605
Spoilt Votes .....	143
Poll Percentage .....	67.83



Mr Nueng ak Kudi

**N.39 BALEH**

Dr. James Jemot Masing (PBDS)	2717
Peter Gani Kai (BN)	1646
Joseph Jinggut (Bebas)	1300

Majority .....	1071
Votes Cast .....	5787
Spoilt Votes .....	124
Poll Percentage .....	71.84



Mr James Jemot ak Masing

**N.40 BELAGA**

Datuk Tajang Laing (BN) (PBB)	1900
Nyipa Bato (Bebas)	1261
Stanley Ajang (Bebas)	575

Majority .....	639
Votes Cast .....	3833
Spoilt Votes .....	97
Poll Percentage .....	78.27



Datuk Tajang Laing

**N.41 TATAU**

Hj. Bolhassam Kamar (Bebas)	2342
Ting Lian Kiew (BN)	1968
Julaihi Haji Hanapi (Bebas)	37

Majority .....	354
Votes Cast .....	4801
Spoilt Votes .....	96
Poll Percentage .....	70.08



Encik Bolhassam bin Kamar

**:::42 KEMENA**

Datuk Celestine Ujang (BN)	6703
Philip Chen Hwa Tat (DAP)	2926
Mohd. Nawi (Bebas)	536

Majority .....	3777
Votes Cast .....	10455
Spoilt Votes .....	290
Poll Percentage .....	66.89



Datuk Celestine Ujang

**N.43 SUBIS**

Yusof Wahab @ Sani Wahab (BN)	5605
Danson Milai Unting (Bebas)	3937
Jonathan Saong ak Amat (Bebas)	236

Majority .....	1668
Votes Cast .....	10030
Spoilt Votes .....	252
Poll Percentage .....	58.62



Encik Yusof Wahab

**N.44 MIN**

Dr. George Chan Hong Nam (SUPP)



Dr George Chan Hong Nam

**UNCONTESTED****N.45 MARUDI**

Datuk Edward Jeli (BN)	3963
Patrick Sibat (PBDS)	3114

Majority .....	849
Votes Cast .....	7227
Spoilt Votes .....	150
Poll Percentage .....	64.77



Datuk Edward Jeli

**N.46 TELANG USAN**

Joseph Balan Seling (BN)	3019
Kebing Wan (Bebas)	2438

Majority .....	581
Votes Cast .....	5538
Spoilt Votes .....	81
Poll Percentage .....	65.59



Datuk Joseph Balan Seling

**N.47 LIMBANG**

Datuk James Wong (BN)	3399
Muhammed Haji Abu Bakar (Bebas)	2945
Christopher Sawan (PBDS)	1865
Ang Ek Meng (Bebas)	109

Majority .....	454
Votes Cast .....	8414
Spoilt Votes .....	103
Poll Percentage .....	74.26



Datuk James Wong

**N.48 LAWAS**

Datuk Haji Noor bin Tahir (BN)	4194
Lawrence Pagag Agong (Bebas)	1904

Majority .....	2210
Votes Cast .....	6327
Spoilt Votes .....	149
Poll Percentage .....	75.99



Datuk Haji Noor bin Tahir

29 MAR 1989



**PARTI  
BANSA DAYAK  
SARAWAK**

**PARTI BANSA DAYAK SARAWAK  
(PBDS)**

FORMED by a group of disident SNAP leaders, this Dayak-based party is led by former SNAP vice-president Datuk Leo Moggie, the Minister of Energy, Telecommunications and Posts. It was set up after the SNAP crisis in June 1983. The disappointed Iban party members broke away to form the new party. The president of the party is Datuk Leo Moggie.

It won six of the 14 seats contested in the December 1983 State elections. On Jan 8, 1984, it became the youngest and the 12th political party to join the Barisan Nasional.



**DEMOCRATIC  
ACTION  
PARTY  
(DAP)**

**DEMOCRATIC ACTION PARTY  
(DAP)**

THE DAP in Sarawak was started by lawyer Chong Siew Cheng who left SUPP just two months before the 1979 State elections to become its chairman.

The party contested in the 1979 State elections and lost all 11 seats although it captured 31 per cent of the total votes.

It contested again, for 12 seats, in the 1983 elections and lost in all.

The party's present chairman is Slim Kwang Yang, the MP for Kuching.



**PARTI  
KEBANGSAAN  
SARAWAK  
(SNAP)**

**SARAWAK NATIONAL PARTY  
(SNAP)**

ALTHOUGH a multi-racial party headed by Datuk James Wong, it is largely Dayak-based. The party was in the first coalition, the Sarawak Alliance, which administered the State, when it joined Malaysia in 1963.

It moved to the Opposition following the 1966 crisis, when the Chief Minister then, Datuk Stephen Kalong Ningkan, was toppled.

It joined the Barisan Nasional in 1976.



**SARAWAK  
UNITED  
PEOPLES'  
PARTY**

**SARAWAK UNITED PEOPLES'  
PARTY (SUPP)**

A MULTI-racial party whose membership is largely Chinese-based. This party, led by Science, Technology and Environment Minister Datuk Amar Stephen Yong, was formed in early 1989 by Chinese business interests.

Datuk Amar Yong replaced Tan Sri Kee Hul as party chairman in 1982.

The second largest party in the State Barisan Nasional coalition after the PBB, the SUPP has been credited with wiping out the DAP which had expected to make inroads in the State in the 1983 elections.



**SARAWAK  
DEKORATIK  
BERSATU  
(BERSATU)**

**SARAWAK DEMOCRATIC  
BERSATU (Bersatu)**

THIS party, formerly Pajar, was formed by Ali Kawi. It contested in 17 seats in the 1979 election but lost in all.

All Kawi contested in subsequent elections but was never returned. It is now led by Haji Eden Abdullah.



**PERSATUAN  
RAKYAT MALAYSIA  
SARAWAK  
(PERMAS)**

**PERSATUAN RAKYAT MALAYSIA  
SARAWAK (Permas)**

NEWLY-formed, it was registered on March 19.

Led by former Yang di-Perua Negeri Tun Abdul Rahman Yakub, Permas is a member of another organisation called Maju formed by the 27 anti-Taib State Assemblymen.

It has applied to join the Barisan Nasional if it succeeds in forming the next State Government with the PBDS.



**PARTI  
PESAKA  
BUMIPUTERA  
BERSATU  
SARAWAK**

**PARTI PESAKA BUMIPUTERA  
BERSATU (PBB)**

BACKBONE of the ruling coalition Government in Sarawak, the PBB is led by Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud.

Formed in early 1973, it is a merger of two parties — the Parti Pesaka and the Parti Bumiputera, both Alliance components.

Tan Sri Temenggong Jugah, head of Parti Pesaka and Minister of Sarawak Affairs, was the PBB's first president. Tun Haji Abdul Rahman Yakub (then Datuk) who was then the Parti Bumiputera president and Chief Minister of Sarawak was the party's secretary-general.

At the first PBB assembly in 1974, the two leaders were unanimously returned to their posts. Datuk Taib was returned unopposed as deputy president, a post he held since the birth of the PBB.

Towards the end of 1975, when several major changes were made to the party leadership following Tan Sri Jugah's retirement from politics, Datuk Taib was made president.

Tun Rahman gave up the secretary-general's post in favour of Tan Sri Jugah's son, Leonard Linggi, who was the deputy secretary-general. Youth leader Datuk Alfred Jabu was made deputy president.

Tun Rahman remained the party's Supreme Council member and leader of the State Barisan Nasional Government.

Datuk Taib, who regained the PBB presidency in 1981, was returned unopposed last year, with all 48 divisions nominating him.

