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BN TO ABIDE BY HIGH COURT DECISION

PULAU PINANG, Feb 14 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said today the Barisan Nasional will abide by the Kuching High Court decision to declare null and void the Barisan Nasional victory in the Bukit Begunan seat in Sarawak in the September state election.

"We abide by the court decision...but we also have to study the court decision first...and then we'll have to prepare for the by-election if necessary," he said after attending a Hari Raya party at Kampung Tanjung Tokong, near here.

The Deputy Prime Minister said the court decision did not give rise to the issue of whether the image of the Sarawak Barisan Nasional or the Federal Barisan Nasional had been tarnished.

In the election, Mong Anak Dagang, 41, of the Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak (PBDS) who contested on a Barisan Nasional ticket won by securing 4,891 votes against Donald Lawan, 53, who polled 2,726 votes.

The Deputy Prime Minister said the Sarawak Barisan Nasional would handle the problem of selecting candidates if a by-election was held.

"We leave it to the Sarawak BN to make the selection and submit their proposal to BN Chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad," he said.

He was confident that the Sarawak BN would take into account all matters before making its selection. -- BERNAMA

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