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ENGAGE IN HARMONIOUS CAMPAIGN, URGES ALFRED JABU

KUCHING, Aug 23 (Bernama) -- Sarawak Deputy Chief Minister Tan Sri Alfred Jabu today advised candidates aspiring to be elected or re-elected as office-bearers in the Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu (PBB) to conduct their campaign in an atmosphere of harmony.

Jabu who is chairman of the organising committee of next weekend's PBB general assembly said such a campaign was necessary to ensure party unity.

The party assembly during which its office-bearers would be elected or re-elected would be opened by Prime Minister and Barisan Nasional Chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Friday. The PBB is a merger of Parti Pesaka and Parti Bumiputera and is the backbone of the Sarawak Barisan Nasional.

PBB President since 1981 Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud was returned unopposed when nominations closed.

"I hope all the candidates will campaign as gentlemen to preserve party unity," he said after chairing a meeting of the organising committee.

Jabu who was returned unopposed as PBB deputy president (Pesaka) said so far the committee had not received any complaint about any extreme form of campaigning.

The election of office-bearers for the PBB particularly the contest for the post of deputy president (Bumiputera) is expected to be hot.

Incumbent Datuk Abang Abu Bakar Mustapha who is one of the Ministers in the Prime Minister's Department in Kuala Lumpur is being challenged by State Agriculture and Food Industry Minister Datuk Adenan Satem and State Minister of Industrial Development Datuk Abang Johari Tun Abang Haji Openg.

Both Adenan and Abang Johari, mentioned by Chief Minister Abdul Taib as his potential successors as Chief Minister, are PBB vice-presidents.

Jabu said a total of 680 delegates would attend the assembly.

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