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TUSSLE FOR POSTS SHOULD NOT DIVIDE PBB, SAYS SULAIMAN

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 21 (Bernama) -- The tussle for key posts in Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu (PBB) during next week's general assembly should be a family affair that will not divide the party.

PBB disciplinary committee chairman Datuk Amar Dr Sulaiman Daud said today although the posts were hotly contested as this was the first time there was a contest in 12 years, the candidates should emphasise party unity in their campaigns.

"PBB is important for the unity and development of Sarawak. Party contests should not be allowed to break up the party and affect unity," he told reporters here.

The general assembly will see a three cornered fight for the second top slot of deputy president.

Incumbent Datuk Abang Abu Bakar Mustapa who is also Minister in the Prime Minister's Department is being challenged by state cabinet members -- Industrial Development Minister Datuk Abang Johari Openg and Agriculture and Food Industry Minister Datuk Adenan Satem.

Another 14 candidates are going for the seven vice president posts during the assembly that is scheduled to be opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Dr Sulaiman, who is the federal Agriculture Minister, said so far no challengers for the top posts had pulled out of the fight.

"Everybody has got a chance. The number of candidates should not be a yardstick, " he said.

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