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BN the only hope, Kadazandusuns told

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RANAU, Sun. - The Kadazandusun community has been urged to support the Barisan Nasional to ensure greater representation in the State and Federal Governments.

Land and Co-operative Development Minister Tan Sri Kasitah Gaddam said disunity within the largest ethnic group in Sabah would only isolate it further from mainstream political and economic development.

"I see no point for the Kadazandusun to support the Opposition as this will only weaken their representation at the State and Federal levels," he said at a meet-the-people session at Kampung Toud Kilimu today.

Despite the existence of several Kadazandusun-based parties in the Barisan Nasional, the recent State election results showed that the majority of the community supported the Opposition - Parti Bersatu Sabah.

In the election, the BN won 31 of the 48 State Legislative Assembly seats, with PBS taking 17 mostly Kadazandusun-majority constituencies.

Kasitah, who is Kinabalu Umno division chief, said Kadazandusuns should accept the reality that the PBS was no longer a political force in the State.

The only logical choice for the community was the BN, he added.

On the Kinabalu parliamentary constituency, Kasitah said he had told Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who visited Ranau in May, about the areas that should be developed and a team from the Prime Minister's Department had recently visited the area.

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