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List of BN hopefuls for State elections completed

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - The list of potential Barisan Nasional candidates for the coming elections in Sabah has been completed, said Umno secretary-general Datuk Seri Sabbaruddin Chik.

He said the list would be forwarded to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who is also BN chairman, for his approval.

"BN has compiled a list of candidates who we think are qualified to participate in the coming elections."

The term of the Sabah Government ends on March 18 and the State elections must be held within 60 days of the dissolution of the State Assembly.

Sabbaruddin, who is also Culture, Arts and Tourism Minister, said he was confident that BN would do well. "From the outside, we see the situation is good. The people's support for us is also good. However, it may be difficult to determine their actual stand," he said at his Hari Raya Aidilfitri open-house in Bukit Damansara today.

There are an estimated one million registered voters in Sabah. Besides Umno, the other component parties are Parti Demokratik Sabah (PDS), Angkatan Keadilan Rakyat Bersatu (AKAR), Parti Maju Sabah (SAPP), Parti Bersatu Rakyat Sabah (PBRS), Parti Liberal Demokratik (LDP), Gerakan and MCA.

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