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OSU WANTS BN SUPPORTERS TO COME OUT IN FULL FORCE ON POLLING DAY

KOTA KINABALU, Nov 16 (Bernama) -- Sabah Chief Minister Datuk Osu Sukam has directed the Barisan Nasional (BN) election machinery in the state to ensure that BN supporters come out in full force to cast their ballots on polling day -- Nov 29.

Osu, who is Sabah BN Chairman, said although the election involved only 20 parliamentary seats in Sabah, it was crucial for the BN to attain a two-thirds majority in Parliament.

"We wish to deliver the maximum number of seats from the state," he told reporters after opening the WWF annual conference, here today.

He was asked to comment on a possible low turnout particularly in rural areas during polling which has been confined to just one day in the state unlike in the past when there was staggered polling.

Osu also urged the voters, especially those residing outside the state, to come and vote on polling day in their respective constituencies.

On the list of candidates for the election, he said it had already been finalised, and it was up to the BN leadership to make the final decision.

Osu said he would be leaving for Putrajaya today to meet Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on the matter.

"After the candidates had been determined, I will receive the letter of authority to use the BN symbol which will be distributed among the candidates," he said.

Commenting on a memorandum purportedly submitted by the Silam Umno division, urging not to nominate Deputy Works Minister Datuk Railey Haji Jeffrey as the candidate, Osu said: "I wouldn't know, I don't have the slightest idea about the memorandum."

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