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SNAP FIELDING NEW FACES IN BINTULU, MAS GADING

SIBU, Aug 2 (Bernama) -- The Sarawak National Party (SNAP) has picked two new faces to be fielded in Bintulu and Mas Gading parliamentary seats in the upcoming general election, its president Datuk Amar James Wong said today.

He said the party's treasurer Datuk Tiong King Sing would contest in Bintulu and assistant youth treasurer Dr Tiki Lafe has been slated for Mas Gading.

Incumbent MPs for Saratok Datuk Peter Tinggom and Jacob Dingau Sagan of Baram would be renominated for their respective seats, he said.

He, however, said the party would leave it to the pre-rogative of Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohammad to make the final decision.

The four are SNAP's traditional seats, said Wong, the State Minister for Environment and Public Health. He arrived here this morning to attend a development briefing at the Sibu Municipal Council and to open a seminar for district councillors from five rural local authorities at a hotel, here.

He said SNAP was also eyeing the new Mambong parliamentary seat and had identified a candidate for it.

"We have a suitable Bumiputera candidate in the event the seat, a Bumiputera majority area, is allocated to us," he said.

The other three State BN component parties -- Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu (PBB), Sarawak United People's Party (SUPP) and Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak (PBDS) -- are also interested in the seat.

On his position, Wong said his current term as the Limbang assemblyman would be the last.

He, however, would continue to lead SNAP as long as his services were required.

Wong lost in Bintulu to DAP's Chiew Chiu Sing in the last election. Newcomer Tiong has been entrusted to wrest the seat.

Dr Tiki has been nominated to stand in Mas Gading to deliver the seat to the BN from SNAP's former senior vice-president Dr Patau Rubis.

Dr Patau was expelled from the party for indiscipline. He later formed Sarawak Reform Party (STAR).

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