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Chin: SUPP welcomes PM's decision

MIRI, Sat. - The Sarawak United People's Party (SUPP), a key ally of Parti Pesaka Bumiputra Bersatu (PBB), lauds Umno's decision not to enter Sarawak.

Its organising secretary Datuk Peter Chin, who is Deputy Housing and Local Government Minister, said the party was happy with the decision.

"I salute Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for his wise and firm decision on the matter and to reject the overtures (of former Defence Minister Datuk Abang Abu Bakar Mustapha)," Chin said.

Speaking at a Chap Goh Mei gathering in Bakam near here last night, Chin noted that Umno's decision reflected understanding and cooperation within the Barisan Nasional component parties.

"There has always been an understanding between Umno and Sarawak BN - if Umno was to come to Sarawak, it is to help stabilise the political situation.

"But at the moment, Sarawak BN is doing very well, so there is absolutely no reason for Umno to come in," Chin added.

In another development, Chin said SUPP has begun preparing for the State election.

He said the party's Central Working Committee has directed party leaders at the branch level to start "moving on the ground".

"We have advised them to be more pro-active and to take every opportunity to meet the people and hear their problems.

"This is necessary so that we would be prepared for any eventuality," he added.

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