



Osu: Sabah Umno ready to counter issues raised

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KOTA KINABALU, Mon. — Sabah Umno has already identified the issues which the opposition is expected to exploit to get support in the July 21 Likas State by-election.

State Umno liaison committee chief Datuk Osu Sukam said the party was ready to counter any issues raised by the opposition in the by-election.

“We expect the opposition to harp on anything to garner support but we are ready to counter them with facts and figures,” he said, without giving details about the issues likely to be raised by the opposition.

He said this after chairing a meeting of the State Umno liaison committee to discuss preparations for the by-election.

Also present was Umno secretary-general Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob, who is also Information Minister.

Osu said the Barisan Nasional would have no problem retaining the Likas seat as Umno has more than 11,000 members in the constituency.

Of the 26,196 voters in Likas, about 16,000 are Muslim Bumiputera, 7,000 Chinese and 3,000 non-Muslim Bumiputera.

Sabah Umno was awaiting Prime Minister and BN chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad’s decision on the BN candidate for the by-election.

“We trust in the wisdom of the Prime Minister and as always, we will abide by whatever decision he makes,” he said.