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Longhouse residents caught up in the election fever

BINTULU, Wed. - To some voters, Sept 27 is closer than it actually is. Visit some longhouses and you will see that election is close to the hearts of the residents.

Take Ambau Antum, 56, from Rumah Agam in Sebauh and his fellow longhouse residents.

To them, nothing beats getting caught up in the excitement.

You see, their votes count in this grand affair they call an election.

They didn't wait for the Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu, the party which Ambau supports, to distribute election posters.

Ambau who was met at his longhouse said he and some residents went to collect the posters and flags from PBB operation centre in Sebauh town.

His longhouse which is located close to the Sebauh road was seen adorned with posters of Dr Stephen Rundhi Utom, the Barisan Nasional candidate for Kemena, as well as several posters of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

When New Straits Times photographer Mohd Radzi Bujang visited the area, Ambau was busy putting up the posters and BN flags.

Extending his longhouse hospitality, Ambau said the longhouse residents could not wait for the party to distribute the posters and flags as they were very excited about the coming State election.

Ambau together with more than 13,000 voters in the district would cast their votes on Sept 27 and they would have to decide between Dr Rundhi and three other candidates contesting the Kemena seat.

The constituency is also being contested by a DAP representative David Kimay and independents Edward Galau Sigie and John Brian Jeremy Guang.

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