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#### SUPP to expel party rebels

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MIRI, Sun. - SUPP chairman Tan Sri Dr George Chan today said the party would sack members who campaigned against the BN candidates in the coming State election.

"The sacking will take immediate effect. We (the BN parties) have been given the mandate to do this," he said at a luncheon with newsmen here.

Chan added that the party would also take disciplinary action against members found circulating poison pen letters.

The warning came amid rumours that some SUPP members in Engkilili constituency (Sri Aman division) are campaigning against incumbent Toh Heng San.

It is understood that the group had pressured the party leadership to replace Toh with a new candidate to contest the seat in the coming election.

However, Chan had strongly indicated that the party would not drop Toh from its list, which he announced in Kuching last week.

"As far as the party is concerned, the list we submitted to national BN chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and the State BN chairman Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud is final."

"Unless Taib and Dr Mahathir find out something which we do not know about some of our candidates, only then will we consider (changing them)," Chan said.

Meanwhile, Chan, who will be defending his Piasau constituency, said he was not afraid of being challenged by the Opposition in the election.

He said the voters knew the BN Government had delivered its promises and that the BN's elected representatives had worked hard in their constituencies.

Meanwhile, Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak president Datuk Amar Leo Moggie criticised the DAP for trying to use psychological tactics to sway the voters.

On the DAP statement that the State BN would score a landslide victory in this election, Moggie said such a statement was to confuse the electorate.

"For the BN, the election is not a fun thing but to get the people's mandate to set up a stable and strong Government that can bring more socio-economic development to the State and the people," he said in Belaga yesterday.