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Dundang: SNAP ready for general election

KUCHING, Sat. - The Sarawak National Party (SNAP) is ready to face the coming parliamentary election, its president Edwin Dundang said last night.

"Our members and party are ready for the election," he said after chairing the party's central executive committee (CEC) meeting here.

"Based on feedback from the ground the party is still intact, contrary to claims by certain quarters following the formation of Sarawak Progressive Democratic Party (SPDP)," he said.

Dundang, however, declined to say whether SNAP would defend the four seats it won in the 1999 election or contest all the 28 seats in the coming election now that it is no longer in the Barisan Nasional after it was deregistered by the Registrar of Societies on Nov 5, 2002.

The Court of Appeal, however, granted the party a stay of execution of the RoS order on April 1.

Dundang said the CEC, on behalf of party members and supporters, would like to thank Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad for his excellent and inspiring leadership during his 22 years as Prime Minister before stepping down on Oct 31.

"SNAP also congratulates Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi on his appointment as the country's fifth Prime Minister," he said.