

DAP favours separate polls for Sarawak
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The possibility of a concurrent state and parliamentary election will give the Sarawak BN an edge over the opposition during the campaign period.

Sarawak DAP chairman Wong Ho Leng (right) said the concurrent election would affect opposition parties in Sarawak as the move would limit resources available for the opposing political parties.

"It's a ploy to ensure Pakatan Rakyat resources from Peninsula Malaysia will not come to Sarawak," he told Bernama in Kuching today.

Wong, who is also Bukit Assek assemblyman and Sibujaya member of parliament claimed that if the prime minister and chief minister decided to proceed with such an idea, it would lead to confusion among Sarawak voters.

The last time Sarawak held concurrent election was in 1974, and went ahead holding its own state election in 1979, and the general election was held a year earlier.

Sarawak PKR information chief See Chee How (right) said Pakatan would be ready to face any eventuality while state PKR women chief Nurhanim Mokshen, while echoing similar sentiments, said it would have minimal impact on opposition parties.

Chief Minister and Sarawak BN chief Abdul Taib Mahmud was quoted as saying he would discuss with Prime Minister Najib Razak on the possibility of concurrent polling.

In an immediate reaction yesterday, Najib said the possibility of a state and parliamentary election was not being ruled out.

- Bernama

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