

D-day for Snap, PKR seat-talks
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Sarawak National Party (Snap) secretary-general Stanley Jugol said he has explained the party's direction and election strategy to PKR deputy president Azmin Ali.

Edmund-Stanley-Jugol "He seems to understand and promises to bring up our issues to his party's political bureau," he said, adding that Azmin would meet him again on Thursday on the bureau's decisions.

"I have explained to him our intention to contest in 28 Dayak-majority seats, which I think we have a good chance of winning.

"If the PKR bureau agrees, then there is space for further negotiation. If not, then there is nothing more to discuss with them."

In such a situation, Snap and PKR, although component parties of Pakatan Rakyat, would have to compete against each other in the upcoming state elections.

"Then they should not label us as spoilers. Our stand is quite reasonable," he said.

Jugol said the meeting with Azmin was very cordial.

"After all, we are old friends and have known one another for a long time," he noted.

'No rift with Pakatan'

Jugol also said Snap is still very much part of Pakatan, contrary to what was front-paged today by the New Straits Times.

"The paper simply put words into Edwin Dundang's (Snap president) mouth. It is very dangerous talking to them," he complained.

Jugol also said it is equally dangerous to talk to Berita Harian and Utusan Malaysia, claiming that these dailies like to twist words or put words into people's mouths.

Jugol and his son, Dayrell Walter Entrie, represented Snap, while PKR was represented by Azmin, Jimmy Donald and Nicholas Bawin.

Dundang was quoted by NST as saying that Snap would not cooperate with PKR in the state election.

He was also reported to have claimed that PKR is being "greedy" in the seat allocation, saying that PKR not only wants to contest in Snap seats, but also seats belonged to DAP.

Meanwhile, Sarawak PKR chief Baru Bian said today he did not believe that Snap would leave Pakatan.

"I expect something good to come out between PKR and Snap before the nomination day," he said.

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