

**Sabah DAP changes tone on Lajim and Bumburing**  
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Sabah DAP today extended its welcome former BN parliamentarians Lajim Ukin and Wilfred Bumburing who left the ruling coalition recently to work with the opposition "to bring change to Sabah".

Both MPs have already expressed their willingness to work together with Pakatan Rakyat.

"DAP Sabah supports the move by the two MPs and had sent its representatives, led by state DAP secretary Dr Edwin Bosi and state publicity secretary Chan Foong Hin, to the launch of 'Angkatan Perubahan Sabah' and 'Pakatan Perubahan Sabah' in Tuaran and Beaufort respectively on July 29.

"DAP Sabah supports the statement by PR de facto leader Anwar Ibrahim that Pakatan welcomes anyone or any party to join with it in order to bring change to Sabah," Sabah DAP chairperson Jimmy Wong said in a statement.

Wong's remarks come after the earlier, not-so-friendly words of Sabah DAP adviser Hiew King Cheu, who questioned why Lajim and Bumburing remained members of parties in the ruling coalition despite resigning from their posts.

The duo jolted Umno and BN when they announced their leaving the ruling coalition last weekend, with the opposition saying that Sabah may no longer be a 'fixed deposit' for the ruling coalition.

However, Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak has downplayed the matter.

The Sabah DAP's support Lajuim and Bumburing follows the less congenial remarks to Oriental Daily News by Hiew (left), who is also Kota Kinabalu MP, that the duo should have resigned from BN if they were really against the coalition.

If the duo were sincere, Hiew said, they should have right away drawn a clear line between themselves and the BN by giving up all party and government posts, and joining Pakatan.

Lajim and Bumburing may not be the last of the Sabah MPs to jump ship from BN, as Anwar has hinted of more 'good news' to come from the East Malaysian state soon.