

Pakatan expects to bag 11 MPs in Sabah

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Sabah Pakatan Rakyat is confident of winning at least 11 Parliamentary seats in Sabah despite facing multi-cornered fights in many seats.

According to Sabah DAP chief Jimmy Wong, Pakatan is confident of defending Kota Kinabalu, Tuaran and Beaufort.

Kota Kinabalu was won by DAP's Hiew King Cheu in 2008, while Tuaran and Beaufort was won by Wilfred Bumburing and Lajim Ukin respectively.

Bumburing and Lajim won the seats as BN candidates but has since become Pakatan Rakyat affiliates.

The other eight seats targetted by Pakatan are: Sandakan, Putatan, Sepanggar, Tawau, Kota Marudu, Tenom, Keningau and Penampang.

DAP secretary general Lim Guan Eng, who is in Kota Kinabalu today, said that this is in line with the coalition's national strategy to win 10 extra parliamentary seats each from the states of Sabah, Sarawak and Johor respectively to get simple majority in Parliament to form government.

If Wong's prediction is right, a Pakatan win in the 11 parliamentary seats will see the toppling of three Sabah BN component chief--VK Liew (LDP, Sandakan), Bernard Dompok (Upko, Penampang), Joseph Pairin Kitingan (PBS, Keningau) and PBS deputy president Maximus Ongkili (Kota Marudu).

"I think we are hopeful in at least 15 parliamentary seats, the possibility is there," he said at the Kota Kinabalu DAP headquarters.

Dismissing the effect of the multi-corner fights with SAPP and Star in most of these seats, he said: "The fight is really between Pakatan and BN."

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