

Batu Sapi by-election: PAS may want to contest
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TEMERLOH - PAS has expressed an interest to place its candidate for the Batu Sapi parliamentary seat which fell vacant following the death of its MP Edmund Chong Ket Wah, according to *HarakahDaily*.

PAS vice president Tuan Ibrahim Tuan Man (*picture*), stating the party's intention, was however quick to add that the party would abide by any decision made by Pakatan Rakyat's top leadership meeting on Wednesday.

"PAS will put forward our suggestion to Pakatan Rakyat's leadership council to contest in Batu Sapi.

"The party has the right machinery and candidate who can attract people's support and with the ratio of voters being 60% Muslims, it is not impossible for PAS to win the seat," said Tuan Ibrahim in a statement to *HarakahDaily*.

The Election Commission has yet to decide on a date for the Batu Sapi by-election, which will be the country's 13th by-election since the 2008 general election. It will also be the first by-election in Sabah during that period.

Earlier, Parti Keadilan Rakyat's election director Fuziah Salleh said the Batu Sapi seat belonged to PKR although it did not field a candidate there in 2008.

"It's a PKR seat. It was allocated to us but we could not field a candidate [in 2008]. Therefore, PKR will make preparations to contest in Batu Sapi," she was quoted as telling.

Tuan Ibrahim, who is also the Pahang PAS state commissioner, said the incident in the 12th general election should be taken into account in determining the contesting party in the by-election.

"Regardless, PAS will abide by the decision made by PR council," he reiterated.

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