

SAPP refused PR banner, so PKR decides to contest
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SANDAKAN - Parti Keadilan Rakyat says it decided to contest the Batu Sapi parliamentary by-election after SAPP refused to compete under the Pakatan Rakyat banner.

Its election director, Fuziah Salleh, said that PKR did its best to reach a compromise, but the Sabah Progressive Party did not want to cooperate.

"SAPP is only a state-level party and will not be able to raise national, state and local issues affecting people in Sabah effectively in Parliament," she told a press conference which was also attended by PKR candidate Ansari Abdullah.

She was responding to the question of who the spoiler was in the three-corned fight - PKR or SAPP?

The Barisan Nasional candidate is Linda Tsen Thau Lin, the widow of MP Edmund Chong Ket Wah, whose death brought about the by-election.

SAPP is represented by its president and former Chief Minister Yong Teck Lee.

While PKR and SAPP did not have any agreement or understanding not to campaign against each other, Fuziah said that she regretted having to refute allegations from the Sabah party.

She added: "PKR is the real opposition party in this by-election, and not SAPP, which is an independent party."

Fuziah also said that PKR will invite the Barisan and SAPP candidates to a debate on issues of national interest involving Batu Sapi.

She said the debate is to be held at Sanbay at 2pm on Oct 31. -- Bernama

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