

"Wait One More Day" Says Taib
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KUCHING -- Chief Minister Abdul Taib Mahmud said today that he will make an announcement on the state election tomorrow.

"Wait one more day," Taib told reporters when asked to comment on speculation that the state legislative assembly would be dissolved on Monday for the election to be held next month.

He quashed rumours that he would leave for Mecca on Sunday to perform his Umrah before the election, but otherwise declined to answer any question related to the polls after opening the Youth Assembly 2011 at the Borneo Convention Centre Kuching here.

Speculation on the dissolution of the state assembly, whose term expires on July 23, went into high gear after Taib called on the Yang Dipertua Negri Tun Abang Muhammad Salahuddin Abang Barieng early yesterday.

Political observers said that making the announcement tomorrow made sense because both the Prime Minister, Najib Tun Razak, and his deputy, Muhyiddin Yassin, will be in Sarawak for the start of a meet-the-people tour of all states over several months.

In the last Sarawak election in May 2006, Barisan Nasional captured 62 of the 71 seats in the assembly. The DAP won six, PKR and SNAP one each while an Independent took the remaining seat.

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