

Taib To Ensure Proper Leadership Transition
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SERIAN -- Chief Minister Abdul Taib Mahmud said he will lead the Barisan Nasional (BN) in the upcoming state election to ensure a proper leadership transition in the state.

"I will lead the election to make sure that a new blood can come up, who can form a team and work for the country," he said at the Kota Samarahan-level launching of the "Sejiwa Senada" programme, here today.

The programme, launched by Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak, aims at fostering closer contact between the people and civil servants through the promotion of government services in a one-stop service centre.

Taib said orderly leadership transition would ensure efforts to bring Sarawak to a higher level of development, and bring about better living condition to the people, would continue even though there was a change in the state leadership.

He said that although he would one day retire from the post, he wanted to see the quality of life for the Sarawak people to continue rising under the new leadership.

"This is one of my ambitions. One day I'll go. I am already old; I don't want my ambitions to die with me," said Taib, who has been holding the post for nearly 30 years.

Taib said his ambitions were supported by his contemporaries in the state who wanted to see the new leadership to strive to fulfil the people's aspirations.

Present were Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin and several federal and state cabinet ministers including Defence Minister Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, Home Minister Hishammuddin Tun Hussein and Regional and Rural Development Minister Mohd Shafie Apdal.

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