

Coalition clashes are just a 'friendly fight' says Anwar

KOTA KINABALU: The clashes between Pakatan Harapan candidates and those of its election partners, Gabungan Rakyat Sabah (GRS) and Barisan Nasional, in four state seats have been described by Pakatan chairman Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim as a "friendly fight".

"It involves only a few constituencies. Not many, so it shouldn't be a problem," he said during a Sembang Media breakfast session here yesterday.

In Bandau, Pakatan-PKR's Zaidi Jatil is contesting against GRS' Datuk Redonah Bahanda, who was allocated the seat under the electoral pact between the two coalitions.

Bandau is seeing a 13-corner fight that also includes a Barisan-Umno candidate.

In Moyog, GRS-PBS candidate Koey Nodd Aiiko Ronald Bansin is being challenged by Pakatan-PKR's Remysta Jimmy Taylor in a 12-candidate race.

In Kemabong, GRS-PGRS candidate Datuk Rubin Balang faces Pakatan-DAP's Noorita Sual in a nine-corner contest.

In Karamunting, Pakatan-PKR's Datuk George Hiew is going up against Barisan-MCA candidate Datuk Chin Kim Hiung in a five-corner clash.

"It is just a friendly fight," Anwar reiterated.

On a separate matter in Keningau, Anwar said the government has never attempted to mislead the public over Sabah's entitlement to the 40% special grant and remains committed to resolving the issue transparently and comprehensively.

He reaffirmed the Federal Government's stand not to appeal the Kota Kinabalu High Court decision on Sabah's right to the special grant.