

**PBB Fields New Faces At Every Election, Says Deputy President
Bernama
September 10, 2011**

KUCHING, Sept 10 (Bernama) -- Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu (PBB) normally appoints young leaders by fielding new faces at every election, the next parliamentary election included, PBB deputy president Datuk Amar Abang Johari Tun Openg said today.

He said the decision to field at least three new faces would be made by party president Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud and the PBB supreme council, similar to what happened at the state election on April 16 this year.

"It is a question of renewal. We want to appoint young leaders so that they can be positioned at a certain level and eventually take over from the veterans," Abang Johari, who is State Tourism and Heritage Minister, told reporters after closing the biennial general meeting of the Universiti Teknologi Mara Sarawak Alumni Association, here.

However, he said, PBB members of parliament would normally volunteer to give way to young blood in the PBB, the principal partner in the Sarawak Barisan Nasional (BN) which won all the 14 parliamentary seats it contested in the general election in 2008.

Abang Johari welcomed the intention of Taib's eldest son, Datuk Seri Mahmud Abu Bekir, to stand in the Kota Samarahan parliamentary seat now held by Bekir's younger brother Datuk Seri Sulaiman Taib.

Sulaiman is among PBB incumbents expected to be dropped as he had expressed his wish to step down as an MP.

On the distribution of leaflets and Aidilfitri cards by the opposition PAS and DAP at mosques here, Abang Johari said: "Let the people be the judge of this. Even in politics, we have our ethics."

He advised the people not to emulate this so-called new culture which he said could undermine the harmony among the people of various races and religions in Sarawak.

"It was not right or appropriate for them to go to mosques which are places of worship," he said.

During an election, they should bring solutions to issues and then do their work as promised in the manifesto after that, he said.

---BERNAMA

Copyright © 2011 BERNAMA

Source: <http://www.bernama.com/bernama/v5/newsindex.php?id=612607>