

**PBB Ready For Next General Election - Awang Tengah  
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KUCHING, Aug 24 (Bernama) -- Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu (PBB), the principal partner in the Sarawak Barisan Nasional (BN), is ready to face the next general election, PBB senior vice-president Datuk Amar Awang Tengah Ali Hassan said today.

Awang Tengah, who is Minister of Planning and Resource Management II, said the party would also field new faces in the 13th general election following the decision of several MPs not to seek re-election.

Only parliamentary seats will be contested in Sarawak in the general election as the state election is held separately. The PBB holds 14 of the 31 parliamentary seats in Sarawak.

Datuk Seri Sulaiman Abdul Rahman Taib had stated that he would not seek re-election in Samarahan and, as such, a new face would take his place, Awang Tengah told reporters at a police programme with the community at the Sarawak police contingent headquarters, here.

He also said that the party was evaluating the performance of incumbent MPs and a decision would be made by the leaders.

He said it would not be difficult for PBB to come up with new faces as the party had taken steps to mould a second echelon of leaders.

Awang Tengah, who is also Sarawak chairman of the Malaysian Crime Prevention Foundation, said more measures would be taken to reduce crime in Sarawak.

The people should also cooperate with the police to fight crime instead of leaving the task entirely to the police, he added.

Sarawak Police Commissioner DCP Datuk Mortadza Nazarene said the police would extend the coverage of their beats during this festive season.

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