

Taib's son to be dropped from PBB's BN candidates
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KUCHING (Aug 24, 2011): Former Deputy Tourism Minister Datuk Seri Sulaiman Abdul Rahman Taib (pix) will be among the incumbent members of parliament from Parti Pesaka Bumiputra Bersatu (PBB) to be dropped for the coming general elections, party senior vice president Datuk Amar Awang Tengah Ali Hasan said today.

"He (Sulaiman) has indicated to the party leadership that he did not want to defend his Samarahan parliamentary seat in the coming elections," he said after flagging off the police community convoy at the police headquarters here.

"Yes, Sulaiman will not be defending his seat, which the leadership agreed," Awang Tengah, who is also the state Minister of Public Utilities, said.

He said Sulaiman, son of PBB president and Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud, will among those who would be dropped from the PBB line-up of candidates.

Sulaiman, who was elected as Samarahan MP in 2008, is living in overseas after resigning as Deputy Tourism Minister in 2009.

Awang Tengah, however, declined to reveal the names of the other incumbents to be dropped.

"At the moment, the party leadership is evaluating their performances, and those who are not up to the mark will be dropped," he said.

He said PBB was ready to face the coming elections any time it was called by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak.

"We had our state elections in April, so it is a matter of reactivating our machinery for the general elections," Awang Tengah said, adding that it would not be a problem for the party.

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.

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