

**Sabah Umno Ready To Face Snap General Election, Says Salleh  
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KOTA BELUD, Jan 13 (Bernama) -- Sabah Umno, under the leadership of Chief Minister Datuk Seri Musa Aman, is ready to face a snap general election, said state Umno deputy liaison chief Datuk Seri Salleh Said Keruak.

He said Sabah Umno would go all out to deliver the goods, thus giving Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak a clear mandate to govern the country in the next polls.

"Sabah Umno's grassroots machinery is very strong. Umno is ever ready and our machinery on the ground is ready to defend Sabah, together with the other Barisan Nasional (BN) component parties," he told Bernama after chairing the Kota Belud Umno election committee meeting, here, today.

Salleh, who is also Sabah Legislative Assembly speaker, was asked to comment on AFP's report yesterday, quoting Najib as saying that he hoped to call for elections soon.

However, Najib was also quoted as saying in an interview with Dow Jones Newswires that he would not call for a general election until he had delivered on his recent promise to introduce democratic reforms.

Sabah remains a valuable "fixed deposit" for the ruling BN coalition.

Besides local component parties -- Parti Bersatu Sabah (PBS), United Pasokmomogun Kadazandusun Murut Organisation (Upko), Parti Bersatu Rakyat Sabah, all Dusun-based parties, and the Chinese-based Liberal Democratic Party, Sabah BN also includes peninsula-based parties -- Umno, MCA, MIC and Gerakan.

In the 2008 general election, Sabah BN almost made a clean sweep, winning 24 of the 25 parliamentary seats and 59 of the 60 state seats. BN only lost the Kota Kinabalu parliamentary seat and Sri Tanjung state seat.

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