

**Be Fair To All BN Supporters - PRS President
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BINTULU, Jan 14 (Bernama) -- Barisan Nasional elected representatives must be fair to all supporters in their constituencies, even if they are not members of their political parties, advised Parti Rakyat Sarawak (PRS) president Tan Sri James Jemut Masing.

He has received complaints from his party members who said they have been treated unfairly, he told reporters after chairing the PRS Supreme Council meeting here.

Masing said such attitudes could be dangerous as these supporters could turn hostile towards BN during the election.

"If you do not marginalise them, they'll be strong supporters of BN and will always be happy to help you," he said.

Meanwhile he felt that BN would face major challenges in infrastructure development in rural areas saying, "I hope all promises made by the government will be delivered and must be delivered."

"The usual Native Customary Right land issue might be played up again by the opposition. But I believe, the perimeter survey initiative by the government has eroded its importance and potency," he said.

In this regard, Masing called on the federal government to honour its promises made to the Orang Ulu affected by the implementation of the RM7billion Bakun Dam.

He said it had promised to bear half of the cost of their new longhouses in the Sungai Asap Resettlement Scheme.

"The state government has done its part to pay the other 50 per cent. I hope the payment can be made before the coming election," he said.

On another issue, Masing said a suitable payment mechanism must be thought of by the government in paying the 1Malaysia People's Aid especially to folks living in the interior.

Saying that cash was a more appropriate form of payment, he said even then folks living in Long Busang, deep in the Belaga interiors, will have to pay RM600 in transport charges alone to collect the aid.

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