

For Now, SNAP Prefers To Go It Alone
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KUCHING, Jan 15 (Bernama) -- The Sarawak National Party (SNAP), which today elected Edmund Stanley Jugol as its new president, would strengthen itself before making any alliance with other parties.

Speaking to reporters after the party's triennial general assembly (TGA) here, he said it would be pointless for the party to join either the Barisan Nasional or the opposition pact, for now.

"For the time being, we like SNAP to be just SNAP," he said.

Nevertheless, he did not rule out the possibility of becoming an ally to either of the two coalitions in the future.

"There is no denying that at some point in time, we might be in the government, too. We cannot be a party alone all the time," said Edmund.

On SNAP's preparation for the upcoming general election, he said the party's participation would be determined by its financial resources and ground strength.

In the election held at the TGA, Edmund was elected to helm the party to take over from Edwin Dundang Bugak who declined to seek re-election.

The others elected were Keping Wan (deputy president), Johnny Wong Sie (senior vice-president) and seven vice-presidents in Frankie Jurem Nyombui (also appointed as secretary-general), Dayrell Walter Entyrie, Anthony Liman Sujang, Dan Giang, Rolan Teo, Malachie Dennis Ningkan and Melissa Anne Inddu.

Two appointed vice-presidents were Augustine Liom and Abang Othman Abang Gom, while Datuk Seri Dennis Chang Foh Onn was appointed treasurer-general.

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