

Analyst's Comment Not Worthy, Says Sarawak BN Club Proponent
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BAU (Sarawak), Jan 28 (Bernama) -- A proponent of the Sarawak Barisan Nasional (BN) Club today dismissed a recent remark from a political analyst that such a club would create more problems to the coalition as mere "armchair comments."

Datuk Peter Nansian, who was recently sacked from the Sarawak Progressive Democratic Party (SPDP), a state BN component party, said that he was not worried about the comments made by Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas) senior lecturer, Dr Jeniri Amir.

Speaking during a meeting with 30 local community leaders under the Mas Gading parliamentary constituency here, he said that he would not be taking such a comment seriously.

"Even if they are professors, they are not really in politics. Just armchair politics or stool pigeons. I think the Ketua Masyarakat or the Ketua Kaum (community leaders) know better of the situation," he said.

In a recent newsreport, Dr Jeniri said that condoning the BN Club formation would be tantamount to going against the Barisan's principle of consensus building.

Dr Jeniri has that said plan by the five ex-SPDP elected representatives to pursue their political interest through such a club would set a precedent that no other party president would want to condone.

Apart from Nansian, the other sacked SPDP elected representatives are Mas Gading Member of Parliament, Datuk Dr Tiki Lafe; Marudi assemblyman, Datuk Sylvester Entri; Bekenu assemblywoman, Rosey Yunus and Batu Danau assemblyman, Paulus Palu Gumbang.

Nansian had reiterated in the meeting that the proposed club would be the new vehicle for them to pursue their political struggle under Barisan.

Ever since the proposed club was mooted, over 200 SPDP members registered under the party's Tasik Biru and Opar divisions, which came under the Mas Gading parliamentary constituency, have surrendered their membership cards to indicate they were no longer with the party.

"Probably thousands more will be doing the same over the next few months but I must emphasise here that we are not forcing them to do so but out of their own free will," Nansian added.

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