

**Five Sacked SPDP Members Still In BN- Speaker
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KUCHING, Feb 14 (Bernama) - Five Sarawak Progressive Democratic Party (SPDP) members sacked in early January are still in Barisan Nasional (BN).

State Assembly Speaker Datuk Amar Mohd Asfia Awang Nassar said under Standing Order 2 of the state assembly session, they are still members of BN chaired by the Chief Minister at state and the Prime Minister at federal level.

"They are still legitimate members of BN although sacked by a BN component party," he told 'Zamalah Wartawan Muda 1Malaysia 2012' course participants here Tuesday.

Mohd Asfia said their membership in BN remained intact although no longer members of SPDP.

The five sacked SPDP members include a member of parliament who holds the post of assistant minister.

They are Marudi State Assemblyman Datuk Sylvester Entri Muran (Asst Min of Public Utilities), Tasik Biru State Assemblyman Datuk Peter Nansian Ngusie (Asst Min of Industrial Development), Mas Gading Member of Parliament Datuk Dr Tiki Lafe, Bekenu State Assemblyman Rosey Yunus (Asst Min Family and Women Development) and Batu Danau State Assemblyman Paulus Palu Gumbang.

Asked whether Sarawak state assembly would be dissolved if parliament was dissolved to make way for general election, Asfia said it depends on the power of the Yang Dipertua Negeri on the advice of the Chief Minister.

"It is likely that state assemblies ruled by the opposition will not be dissolved even after parliament is dissolved as the ruling session will only end on April 20, 2013," he added.

At Sarawak state election on April 16 last year, BN won 55 seats, opposition parties won 15 seats while an independent candidate won one seat.

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