

Pakatan yet to resolve seats issue
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PETALING JAYA: Pakatan Rakyat has yet to reach an agreement on overlapping seats accounting for 5% of the 727 parliamentary and state seats.

PAS deputy president Mohamad Sabu said most of the overlapping seats involved DAP and PKR.

"The overlapping seats between PKR and PAS are few; one or two in every state," he said.

Pakatan Rakyat is racing against time to resolve the overlapping seat issue as it hopes to engage in a straight fight with Barisan Nasional for the 505 state seats (excluding Sarawak) and 222 parliamentary constituencies.

Mohamad said that identifying candidates for the general election was much easier than resolving the issue of overlapping seats.

"In PAS, we have no problem in getting the right candidates as we have a long list of promising candidates," he said.

However, PKR vice president Tian Chua said it was easier to resolve the overlapping seat issue than finding the right candidate.

"It is uncertain who can win.

"We have to weigh between friends; some are highly qualified, some have served the party long and some from the grassroots," he said.

He also said that PKR's list of candidates was ready.

"But we can still make changes at the 11th hour. Nothing will be certain until the day of the nomination," he said.

He said PKR's general rule of one-candidate-one-seat would be bent for several exceptional individuals for tactical reasons.

DAP chairman Karpal Singh said the party's central executive committee had agreed to the one-candidate-one seat policy last month.

"However, exceptions will be made for certain individuals depending on other considerations," he said.

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