

**PRS Claims New Opposition Party Using Names Of PM, CM**  
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SELANGAU (Sarawak), May 20 (Bernama) -- Parti Rakyat Sarawak (PRS) has asked the Dayak community not to be taken in by the claim of the Sarawak Workers Party (SWP), a new opposition party, that it had the blessings of the Barisan Nasional (BN) top leadership.

PRS deputy president Datuk Joseph Entulu Belaun said SWP was falsely portraying itself as having been sanctioned by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and Sarawak Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud at all its gatherings.

This was merely an attempt to destroy the PRS, he said at a meet-the-people session at the Edward Ingu longhouse in Sungai Buluh near here last night.

Among those present were Deputy Information, Communications and Culture Minister Datuk Joseph Salang, who is also PRS vice-president, State Assistant Minister of Local Councils Datuk John Sikie Tayai and Tamin state assemblyman Joseph Mauh Ikeh.

Entulu, who is deputy rural and regional development minister and Selangau MP, said the SWP strategy would backfire as sooner or later its sole objective of wanting to destroy and then replace PRS in the BN would be exposed.

He said PRS president Tan Sri Dr James Jemut Masing had raised the SWP support claim with Najib and Taib and the two leaders had said they had nothing to do with the SWP.

"So, my advice to the Dayak community is to steer clear of SWP. It has neither the direction nor the aim to struggle for your welfare and betterment.

"PRS, as a Dayak-based party, is still your best choice. So, throw all your support behind all its six candidates for the next parliamentary election," he said.

Entulu also said that the BN-PRS might have an unlikely ally in the contest for the Selangau seat in the election.

"Word is going around that the local grassroots leaders of Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR), which is eyeing the seat as well, have called on their members and supporters to back the BN and reject the SWP," he said.

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