

**Exit Of MPs From BN Not Worrying - Ahmad Mazlan**  
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KUCHING, Aug 5 (Bernama) -- Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Ahmad Maslan is confident that the exit of two Sabah members of parliament from Barisan Nasional (BN) will have negligible effect on BN.

He said the actions of Datuk Seri Lajim Ukin (Beaufort) and Datuk Wilfred Bumburing (Tuaran) were due to personal reasons and did not involve major issues in BN.

"It originated from personal reasons, namely, internal disputes. We view it seriously, but it is not too worrying," he told reporters after handing out Asyura porridge in Semarak, near here, Sunday.

He said political analysts purposely exaggerated the issue of the MPs leaving BN, forgetting that to date, 13 MPs and state assemblymen from the opposition pact had become independent candidates.

Ahmad was confident Sabah and Sarawak would remain as BN fortresses, and what happened in Sabah would not take place in Sarawak as the political culture in Sarawak was far different from that in Sabah.

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