

**BN Lost In Sarawak Urban Areas Not Due To Chinese Tsunami - Taib
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MIRI, May 18 (Bernama) -- Sarawak Barisan Nasional (BN) has rejected the main reason behind its losses in urban areas in the recent 13th general election due to dwindling support of Chinese communities toward BN.

Sarawak Chief Minister and state BN chairman Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud disagreed with the term 'Chinese Tsunami' to describe the Chinese pattern of voting favouring the opposition because BN's loss may be due to internal factors rather than external factors.

"Based on the analysis of voters outside Kuching like Sarikei, Sibu and Miri we lost by a small margin," he said at the community dinner in conjunction with the eight anniversary of Miri City in Miri, Saturday night.

Referring to the Sarawak United People's Party (SUPP) losses in six out of the seven parliamentary seats it contested in the 13th general election, he said, there were encouraging signs that BN, particularly SUPP could regain the trust of the voters especially outside Kuching City.

SUPP contested in seven parliamentary seats -Bandar Kuching, Stampin, Serian, Sarikei, Lanang, Sibu and Miri but managed to retain bumiputera-majority Serian only.

Meanwhile, on the eight anniversary of Miri City, he suggested that Miri City reknowned for its 'Resort City' tag line enhances its tourism products by promoting the city as a food heaven and cultural melting pot for Sarawak.

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