

Election Court To Decide On Preliminary Objections For Baram Seat On Aug 1
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MIRI, July 15 (Bernama) -- The Election Court has fixed Aug 1 to hear and decide on preliminary objections by respondents over the Baram election petition filed by Roland Engan, of Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR), who lost by 194 votes in the May 5 general election.

Kota Kinabalu High Court judge Chew Soo Ho, sitting as the Election Court judge, made the decision after case management of the petition via video conferencing here Monday.

Engan lost to Barisan Nasional's (BN) new face, Anyi Ngau, who is former Limbang district officer and Roland's uncle, in the three cornered fight.

He garnered 8,988 votes against Anyi's 9,182 votes, while Independent candidate, Patrick Sibat Sujang, obtained 363 votes and lost his deposit.

Present at the video conferencing were Engan's lawyer, See Chee How, lawyer Henry Ling Kuong Meng, representing Ngau, and two senior federal counsel, Mahiran Mohd Isa and Asha Hol, representing Returning Officer (RO) Joseph Belayong Punan, who was named the second respondent in the petition.

The Baram election petition was the only petition filed by the opposition in Sarawak.

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