

**Court allows hearing for BN's election petition for Klias**  
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The election court in Kota Kinabalu has allowed a hearing for Barisan Nasional's election petition for the Klias state seat won by Sabah opposition chief Datuk Lajim Ukin in the May 5 general election.

The court will hear the merit of the petition next month, said a lawyer in Lajim's legal team.

Election judge Yew Jen Kie dismissed a preliminary objection raised by Lajim's lawyers.

The Star, in an SMS alert earlier today said the court allowed BN's election petition for the Klias state seat which was won by Lajim, the first challenge allowed against a GE13 result.

However, the lawyer in Lajim's team pointed out that the court had only allowed the hearing of the merits of the petition.

Lajim won the Klias seat with 342-vote majority when he beat BN's Isnin Aliasnih, the petitioner, who secured 6,182 votes against Lajim's 6,324.

The court, however, rejected Lajim's election petition challenging the result of the Beaufort parliamentary seat in the general election, which he lost to BN's Datuk Azizah Mohd Dun.

Yew struck out Isnin's petition against the returning officer (RO) and Election Commission (EC) and ordered Isnin to pay them RM10,000 each in costs.

According to a report in The Star Online today, Yew said Isnin did not plead how the RO and EC's actions had affected the outcome of the Klias seat. - August 6, 2013.

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