

Jerip Leaving His Fate To The Voters
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KUCHING, July 21 (Bernama) -- Public Health Assistant Minister Datuk Dr Jerip Susil said he is leaving it to the voters to decide who they want to be the candidate in Bengoh in the next state election.

He said the constituency would either be given to newly registered political party, United People's Party (UPP), Parti Tenaga Rakyat Sarawak (TERAS) or Sarawak United People's Party (SUPP) to contest in the 2016 state election.

The Bengoh Assemblyman said he and three other state assemblymen from SUPP, namely Datuk Seri Wong Soon Koh (Bawang Assan), Ranum Mina (Opar) and Johnicol Rayong (Engkilili) had decided to join TERAS but later joined UPP after they were expelled from SUPP.

Jerip explained that after a while with TERAS and after assessing the current political situation in the state, they decided to join UPP.

He said they had discussed with TERAS leader Tan Sri William Mawan and it was agreed those representatives expelled from Sarawak Progressive and Democratic Party (SPDP) remain in TERAS and those expelled from SUPP joining UPP.

"Both UPP and TERAS are BN friendly and that was the reason why we all are still BN representatives and retaining our cabinet post," he told those present at the prize giving ceremony of Sukan Rakyat 1 Malaysia at Kampung Rejoi community hall at the Bengoh Dam Resttlemen Scheme (BDRS), near here on Saturday night.

The one-day event was organised by Kampung Rejoi Youth Bureau in collaboration with Special Affairs Department (JASA), Sarawak.

Jerip said they had consulted and discussed with chief minister Tan Sri Adenan Satem to express their full support to his leadership as the chief minister and the state BN chairman.

Thus, he advised the constituents not to believe propoganda that they were no longer BN representatives.

He said both UPP and TERAS would apply to be BN members so that they could continue to work effectively as BN representatives.

Earlier in his speech, Jerip said he was happy to observe that those already residing at BDRS had been able to adapt themselves very well with their new environment there.

"I was a bit worried before they move to the new resettlement (BDRS) because I was unsure if they can adapt to the modern lifestyle but obviously they are adapting very well," he added.

He advised them to cultivate their land with income generating crops in order to increase their income to cope with their higher cost of living as they have to pay for water and electricity bills like those living in the towns.

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