

Adenan Satem Still Working Out Solution To Problems In Sarawak BN
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SIBU, Aug 4 (Bernama) -- Chief Minister Tan Sri Adenan Satem is still working out a suitable solution to solve the problems in the Sarawak Barisan Nasional (BN) caused by the emergence of new political parties, namely Parti Tenaga Rakyat Sarawak (Teras) and the United People's Party (UPP).

Teras and UPP existed as a result of internal leadership crisis in the Sarawak Progressive Democratic Party (SPDP) and the Sarawak United People's Party (SUPP) respectively.

Speaking at a Hari Raya do here on Sunday night, the chief minister said there was no doubt that the emergence of Teras and UPP had affected the Sarawak BN's solidarity and strength to a certain extend.

"The opposition parties are cheering and may stand to gain, but I'm working out a solution.

"I cannot solve the problem there and then. Give me time, maybe one or two years to do so," he said.

Both Teras and UPP are yet to be accepted into the BN. Teras is led by Tan Sri William Mawan, who is also the state's Minister of Social Development and Urbanisation and former SPDP president, while UPP is helmed by Datuk Sri Wong Soon Koh, who is the state's Minister of Local Government and Community Development and former SUPP assistant secretary general.

On the current state cabinet line-up, Adenan said he would maintain it without any changes and hence, keeping Mawan and Wong.

"I want an inclusive not an exclusive government. This is the policy for us to prosper and progress," he added.

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