

Najib praises Sarawak's PBB for delivering votes
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Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak tonight lauded the strength of Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu (PBB), calling it the backbone of the Sarawak Barisan Nasional which could be relied on to deliver all seats it contests for the ruling coalition.

"PBB is our trusted and reliable ally and that is why Umno has no desire to spread to Sarawak," the prime minister said at the party's Hari Raya gathering at the Borneo Convention Centre tonight.

"I can depend on PBB to deliver the seats to the BN," he said.

PBB, the lead party in Sarawak BN, won all 14 seats it was allocated to contest in the 2013 general election.

The prime minister said the large presence of ministers from Sarawak in the federal Cabinet could help speed up the process of national integration.

Sarawak Chief Minister Tan Sri Adenan Satem also declared tonight PBB would stake a claim on half of the 11 new state seats in the coming state election.

"Five or six seats," Adenan said.

"We are stupid if we give them to somebody else, only for them to lose the seats.

"It's a guarantee we will win (the seats if are given to us)," he said. – August 10, 2015.

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