

**Zahid confident BN can wrest Pujut from opposition**  
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**On May 12, the Sarawak state assembly disqualified Ting Tiong Choon from DAP as the Pujut assemblyman over his dual citizenship, Malaysian and Australian.**

BEAUFORT: Deputy Prime Minister Ahmad Zahid Hamidi is confident BN will be able to wrest the Pujut state constituency in Sarawak from the opposition if a by-election is held for the seat.

He said if the BN manages to wrest the seat, it would increase the number of seats held by Sarawak BN to 73 compared with 72 seats won in the last state election.

“God willing, there will be a by-election in Pujut and we (BN) will get 73 out of 83 seats (Sarawak state assembly),” he said when speaking at a meet-the-people session in Dataran Bagandang near here today,

Also present were Sabah Chief Minister Musa Aman, Deputy Women, Family and Community Development Minister Azizah Mohd, who is also Beaufort MP and Beaufort Umno division chief Isnin Aliasnih,

On May 12, the Sarawak state assembly disqualified Ting Tiong Choon, from DAP, as the Pujut assemblyman after a motion was made by state International Trade and E-Commerce Minister Woon Soon Koh, who is also Bawang Assan assemblyman, because Ting has dual citizenship, Malaysian and Australian.

The motion was passed after it was seconded by 70 assemblymen, while another 10 objected to it.

According to Zahid, BN made almost a clean sweep in the last Sarawak state election due to the commitment of the state and national BN, including himself, who visited Sarawak once every two weeks to help the people of Sarawak.

Hence, the deputy prime minister said, in the coming general election, it was not impossible for Sabah to achieve better results compared with that in the last general election, based on the commitment shown by the federal government towards Sabah and the solid support of the people in the state.

“We will ensure that whichever individual or party that tries to buck UMNO and BN, we will defeat them in the general election.

“Only those (leaders) who have resilience, competitiveness and fighting spirit will succeed.”

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