

## **Pairin Keeping Mum On Whether To Contest In GE14**

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KOTA KINABALU, Feb 17 (Bernama) -- Parti Bersatu Sabah (PBS) President Tan Sri Joseph Pairin Kitingan is keeping mum on whether or not he will contest in the next general election.

"Just wait for nomination day. But PBS is ready to face the election, " he said when asked by reporters at the PBS Chinese New Year open house here today.

He was asked whether he would contest in the 14th General Election (GE14) despite having announced his retirement from politics about two years ago.

However, in December last year, he said he was willing to consider the party's advice on whether to nominate him in the upcoming general election.

PBS acting president Datuk Seri Maximus Ongkili had also said in December that the party frequently discussed about nominating Pairin in the GE14.

The 77-year-old Sabah deputy chief minister is currently Keningau member of Parliament and Tambunan assemblyman.

Pairin, who had been active in politics since 1975, is still considered by many quarters as a respected political figure in Sabah.

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