

Adenan: This will be my last term

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CM calls for continued support so he can develop Sarawak further

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SARAWAK Chief Minister Tan Sri Adenan Satem yesterday confirmed that the upcoming term would be his last.

Adenan called on his fellow Sarawakians to give him their mandate so that he could continue developing the state.

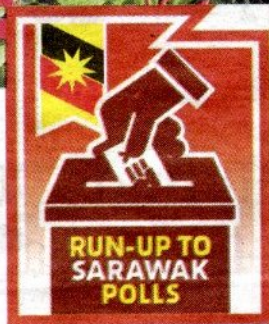
Speaking to more than 3,000 people here, he said the 11th state election would be his final term as an elected representative before he called it a day, as he was “already old” and wanted to be with his grandchildren.

“This will be the last time I’m going to stand in elections. I’m 72 and in five more years, I will be 77. I want to retire and be with my grandchildren.

“I have contested 11 times, seven in Samarahan (Muara Tuang), once in Batang Sadong where I became a member of parliament and this will be my third time representing Tanjung Datu. This will be my last term,” he said.

Adenan, who is also state Barisan Nasional chairman, said he wanted to do more for Sarawak before leaving the political arena.

“I wish to leave the people of Sarawak with more development before I retire. In the two years I was chief minister, I have implemented and carried out over 50 develop-



ments and changes, and gotten RM1 billion from the Federal Government to develop rural areas in the state.”

He also assured Sarawakians that they would have the facilities and

Sarawak Chief Minister **Tan Sri Adenan Satem** (centre) at the launch of the Sungai Batang Kayan riverbank project and the ground-breaking ceremony for Sungai Kampung Semuning riverbank protection project in Kuching yesterday. With him is Natural Resources and Environment Minister **Datuk Seri Dr Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar** (third from left). Pic by Che Rani Che Din

the development they needed, urging the people to give him continued support.

He had earlier launched the Sungai Batang Kayan riverbank project and the ground-breaking for Sungai Kampung Semuning riverbank protection project.

Present was Natural Resources and Environment Minister Datuk Seri Dr Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar.

Earlier, Wan Junaidi pledged his full support for the chief minister.

“If we continue to support him (Adenan), we can continue to develop Lundu and Sematan,” he said.

Later at a press conference, Wan Junaidi said RM640 million had been allocated for Sarawak under the 11th Malaysia Plan, for 21 new projects and to continue three ongoing projects in the state.

“The two projects (launched yesterday) are to prevent flooding in Lundu.

“The Sungai Batang Kayan project, costing RM7.24 million, will see the building of a waterfront that will prevent riverbank erosion,” Wan Junaidi said, adding that the project would increase the river’s potential as an eco-tourism attraction.