

# 2008 GENERAL ELECTION IN SABAH: AN ANALYSIS OF KADAZARDUSUN COMMUNITY VOTING PATTERN

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## Abstract

The study will examines the voting pattern of the Kadazandusun community in 2008 general election. The study will evaluate the Kadazandusun state and parliament constituencies. The Kadazandusun state constituencies consist of Matunggong, Kiulu, Moyog, Kundasang, Tambunan, Tandek, Kadamain, Paginatan, Bingkor, Kemabong, Sook, Nabawan, Tamparuli. Then The Parliamenatry seat of Kadazandusun constituencies consisits of, Kota Marudu, Penampang, Ranau, Keningau, Tenom, Pensiangan. To identify the Kadazandusun constituency, the constituencies must have more than 50 per cent of non-Muslim Bumiputera. The study also will examine the swing of the voting pattern and the factors that lead to the swing such as economics factors and the ethnic's factors.

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#### CHAPTER 1

#### INTRODUCTION

#### **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

#### 1.1 Background of the Study

#### 1.1.1 The Important of Election in Malaysia

Malaysia is a democracy country. As a democracy country, election is important for Malaysia to choose the leader. With election the citizens have their right to choose their own government. It is mean that the democracy government is the government that have been chosen by the citizens to their jobs and the policy for fulfill the citizens needs It is different from the dictator government that the citizens do not have their right to choose their government and the leader. In the dictator government, the citizens do not have their right to argue the government policy. If they are doing the might be catch and put into the prisons and they might be kill by the government. Election must be fair and if the election is not fair it can contribute to the weapon riot that occur in some country in the world. In Malaysia the election controlled by Suruhanjaya Pilihanraya to make the election fair and do the election process such collecting data, do the calculation and controlled the flow of the election. Malaysia also follows the rule where the money politics is prohibited to maintain the fairness and the harmony of the country. If there are misunderstandings it must be settled by the special court.