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USNO ANTICIPATED EXPULSION FROM BN

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KOTA KINABALU, May 3 (Bernama) -- Usno anticipated its expulsion from the Barisan Nasional (BN) and is not surprised it has been sacked, party assistant secretary-general Haji Naser Mohamed Noor said today.

However, he said, he would not want to comment on the matter until the BN had officially written to the party.

He also said that Usno president Datu Amirkahar Tun Mustapha also wanted to see the official letter before making any comment.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who is BN chairman, said in Jitra, Kedah, today that Usno had been expelled from the fold for having forged a coalition state government with Parti Bersatu Sabah (PBS) in Sabah.

Dr Mahathir had also said that it was not necessary for the six Usno assemblymen in Sabah who had joined Umno to reply to a show-cause letter on their position in Usno. -- more

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Naser said the assemblymen had to reply the letter in keeping with the party constitution and conditions of the Registrar of Societies.

"We do not question their admission to Umno but the onus is on them to inform Usno that they are no longer its members to enable the party to inform the State Legislative Assembly," he said.

He also said that the Usno resolution supporting Umno's entry into Sabah only said that Usno members were encouraged to join Umno and not that they would automatically become Umno members.

The Usno supreme council decided last Friday to write to the six Usno assemblymen who had joined Umno to state their position in the party in two weeks.

Naser said the Usno disciplinary committee would convey the position of the six assemblymen to the state assembly if they failed to reply in two weeks. -- more

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"The state assembly must be informed of their position to enable it to adjust the seating arrangement," he said.

The six assemblymen are Dayang Mahani Tun Raffae (Lumadan), Karim Bujang (Bongawan), Hajiji Mohd Nor (Sulaman), Aklee Abas (Sukau), Naser Tan Sri Sakaran (Sulabayan) and Datu Ismail Datu Jook (Balung). -- Bernama

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