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decision

to take

back PBDS

KUALA LUMPUR: Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has welcomed Sarawak Barisan Nasional's decision to readmit Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak into its fold.

"It is a good move and I congratulate the three other component parties in the state BN for letting bygones be bygones."

The Prime Minister, who is BN chairman, said PBDS leaders had realised they would be more effective in their fight for the rights of Ibans and Dayaks if they belonged to the state government.

He added that the spirit shown by Sarawak BN was part of the BN philosophy.

PBDS is a component party of the Barisan at national level but was an opposition party in Sarawak after it left the state BN in 1987. The other state BN components are Parti Pesaka Bumiputra Bersatu, Sarawak United People's Party and Sarawak National Party.