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PBS THREAT OF COURT ACTION A PLOY, SAYS SABAH UMNO YOUTH

KOTA KINABALU, Feb 28 (Bernama) -- Sabah Umno Youth today described as a political gimmick Parti Bersatu Sabah's (PBS) threat to seek redress at the International Court of Justice (ICJ) over the proposed state constitutional amendment.

It also criticised the opposition PBS for trying to confuse the people by claiming that the amendments would deprive Sabah of its rights enshrined in the Malaysia Agreement.

"The amendments are only aimed at curtailing the overwhelming administrative powers of the Chief Minister to ensure justice for all races in Sabah," its secretary Rimin Maidin told a press conference here.

PBS President Datuk Joseph Pairin Kitingan said in Tawau on Monday that the party would bring the matter to the ICJ if the government went ahead with the amendments.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had said the amendments were necessary to curb the administrative powers of the Chief Minister, who wields more clout than the chief executives of other states. -- Bernama

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