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Mohamed: No possibility of PBS being accepted by BN

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - Barisan Nasional secretary-general Datuk Mohamed Rahmat today said there was no possibility that Parti Bersatu Sabah would be accepted back into the BN fold.

"BN is already strong enough in Sabah. BN cannot possibly accept PBS back into its fold at the present moment."

Mohamed was replying to a question on the possibility that PBS would be accepted back into the BN should the party make an application.

Mohamed, who is also Information Minister, said the BN in Sabah had sufficient members and any addition would "bring about problems".

Mohamed said this to reporters after witnessing the signing of several memorandums of understanding between Le Proton Lima Sdn Bhd and various parties - RTM, Rainbird Sdn Bhd, Pan Pacific Glenmarie Resort, Ticket Express Sdn Bhd and TVR Sports (M) Sdn Bhd - on Motorsports 98.

PBS left the BN in 1990. Sabah BN comprises nine parties - Umno, Parti Demokratik Sabah, Parti Maju Sabah, Akar Bersatu, Parti Bersatu Rakyat Sabah, MCA, Gerakan, Parti Liberal Demokratik and MIC.

"BN is strong enough to defend its position in Sabah with its current component parties."

On the allocation of seats for the coming Sabah State elections, Mohamed said BN component parties could submit their respective proposals but the final decision lies with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

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