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KAMARUDDIN CONSIDERING JOINING ANOTHER PARTY

PENKALAN KUBOR, July 17 (Bernama) -- Former Tumpat Umno division chief Datuk Kamaruddin Jaafar, who has been sacked from the party, said today he is considering joining one of the parties in the opposition pact.

"I will announce shortly the party that I will join. However, all the alternative parties are good," he told reporters here.

The parties in the opposition pact are PAS, DAP, Parti Keadilan Nasional and Parti Rakyat Malaysia (PRM).

On July 5, the Umno Supreme Council chaired by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad decided to expel Kamaruddin and eight others for joining or helping opposition parties.

Disputing the decision, Kamaruddin said the accusation against him was not true.

Kamaruddin, a close friend of sacked deputy prime minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, is the chairman of the Institute for Policy Studies and former secretary-general of the Muslim Youth Movement of Malaysia (Abim).

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