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Speaker to decide status of ex-PBS men on July 5

KOTA KINABALU, Tues. - Kuamut State Assemblymen Abdul Malek Chua and Pensiangan State Assemblyman Ulin Pamiang Pensiangan, who recently left Parti Bersatu Sabah to join Umno, will know the status of their membership in the State Legislative Assembly on July 5.

Assembly Speaker Datuk Seri Hassan Alban Sandukong said this would be the appropriate date for him to make the decision.

Abdul Malek's and Pamiang's position as members of the Assembly had been hanging in the balance after PBS submitted their purported letters of resignation on June 22 to Hassan.

The "resignation letters" were accompanied by a Letter of Attorney purportedly signed by the two Assemblymen authorising PBS president Datuk Seri Joseph Pairin Kitingan to submit them to the Assembly Speaker.

However, both Abdul Malek and Pamiang, who submitted their Umno membership application forms to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in Kuala Lumpur on June 20, had informed Hassan they did not wish to vacate their seats.

However, Hassan said Pamiang and Abdul Malek had admitted that the signatures on the "resignation letters" were theirs.

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