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BN SUPREME COUNCIL TO DISCUSS PBS APPLICATION

KUANTAN, Nov 25 (Bernama) -- The Barisan Nasional (BN) Supreme Council which will meet soon will decide on the Parti Bersatu Sabah (PBS) application to rejoin the BN, Umno Secretary-General Tan Sri Khalil Yaacob said today.

The PBS application would be referred to the BN Supreme Council, he said.

Khalil said Umno was in principle open to the PBS application to rejoin the BN.

"...from the aspect of statements by our leaders.....it can be said that Umno is open to the application.....the treatment being accorded to PBS President Datuk Seri Joseph Pairin Kitingan means we are returning to the era of good relations," he told reporters after handing over breaking of fast assistance to mosque and surau committees in the Kuantan Parliamentary constituency.

Khalil said the PBS aspiration to rejoin the BN would have a positive effect on Sabah politics.

Pairin handed over the PBS application to Prime Minister and BN Chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Nov 15 in Putrajaya.

Khalil said the PBS return to the BN fold would strengthen unity among the various communities in Sabah and would facilitate the state's development process.

He said the Kadazandusun community under the PBS which felt it was being left behind in the development process would now also receive attention following their return to the BN.

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