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DPM: Less politicking is better for Sabah

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KOTA KINABALU, Sun. - Focus can be placed on developing Sabah if there is less politicking in the State, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said today.

Asked if Parti Bersatu Sabah (PBS) would be given a role in the State Government now that it had applied to rejoin Barisan Nasional, Abdullah said:

"The less politicking the better it is for Sabah... then we can concentrate on developing the State."

He said the date for a BN meeting to discuss the matter had not been set.

Opening the Liberal Democratic Party's (LDP) 12th congress yesterday, Abdullah said PBS' decision to rejoin BN would help to unite the people.

PBS president Datuk Seri Joseph Pairin Kitingan had last week submitted to BN chairman and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad the party's application to rejoin the BN which it left 11 years ago. Pairin and eight other top PBS leaders were among the observers at the opening ceremony.