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DR YEE: PBS LEADERS READY TO MEET GRASSROOTS SUPPORTERS

KOTA KINABALU, Nov 18 (Bernama) -- Parti Bersatu Sabah (PBS) leadership is ready to meet grassroots supporters state-wide to explain the rationale behind its move to rejoin the Barisan Nasional (BN), its deputy president Dr Yee Moh Chai said today.

He said although the basis of the sudden change of stand had been conveyed to the delegates at the recent PBS congress and through press reports, the leadership was prepared to give a clearer picture of the move.

"If there is a need for further explanation, we will consider not only to brief the grassroots but also the public," he told reporters on arrival from Kuala Lumpur at the Kota Kinabalu International Airport here.

The PBS supreme council made the decision to rejoin the BN at its meeting on Tuesday held immediately after delegates to the party's 16th Annual Congress debated whether they should apply to return to the BN's fold.

On Thursday, PBS President Datuk Joseph Pairin Kitingan handed in the application letter to rejoin BN to Prime Minister and BN chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in Putrajaya.

Dr Mahathir said on Friday that the outcome of PBS's application to re-enter BN would likely be known before Hari Raya Aidilfitri.

The PBS left the coalition 11 years ago on the eve of the 1990 general election to team up with Parti Melayu Semangat 46.

Asked on the position of Moyog State Assemblyman Datuk Clarence Bongkos Malakun in the party following the suspension of his Moyog division, Dr Yee said: "We've not receive any resignation letter from any member in the Moyog division which means Datuk Clarence is still a member of PBS."

"Our focus now is more on unity," he said.

On the purported resignation of PBS supreme council member Edmund Doudilim, who is also Petagas division chief, he said the party headquarters had not receive any resignation letter from him till today.

Edmund said yesterday he was quitting PBS as he had lost confidence in the PBS leadership for planning secretly to rejoin the BN.

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