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NO MORE DISTRACTION FOR UMNO TO WORK HARDER WITH PBS IN BN, SAYS MUSA

KOTA KINABALU, Dec 5 (Bernama) -- Sabah Umno liaison chief Datuk Musa Aman has assured the people that the party will not relax and take things easy even when it will no longer have to be constantly on guard against opposition Parti Bersatu Sabah (PBS).

On the contrary, he said, without the distraction, the people would expect the party to work harder and more effectively than before.

"I hope Umno members realise this. We will have no more excuses for not being able to deliver our promises to the people," he said at the breaking of fast with local community in Beaufort, about 100km from here, today.

The text of his speech was faxed to Bernama here.

Musa, who is Sabah Finance Minister, said that Umno welcomed the PBS' decision to rejoin the national ruling coalition, Barisan Nasional (BN), because it would reduce the intense politicking in Sabah that has been going on for too long.

PBS, which left the BN abruptly on the eve of the 1990 general election, submitted its formal application to return to the BN fold, last month.

Prime Minister and BN chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who received the application from PBS president Datuk Joseph Pairin Kitingan in Putrajaya, was reported to have said that the decision on the application is expected to be known before Hari Raya Aidilfitri.

Meanwhile, Musa advised party members not to allow themselves to fall prey to rumours and other attempts at dividing Umno into factions.

"Whatever problems or confusion there may be, you should approach your state assemblyman, member of parliament or divisional head for first-hand information. Don't listen to rumours and loose talk," he said.

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