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PBS TO KNOW ITS FATE BEFORE HARI RAYA, SAYS DR M

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 16 (Bernama) -- The outcome of Parti Bersatu Sabah's (PBS) application to rejoin the Barisan Nasional (BN) will likely be known before Hari Raya Aidilfitri next month, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

He said the BN Supreme Council, the highest decision-making body of the ruling 13-member coalition, would meet during the fasting month to discuss the application and a decision might be made before Hari Raya.

Dr Mahathir, who is also BN Chairman, said this when asked by reporters at a media conference after opening a conference on terrorism at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC).

PBS President Datuk Seri Joseph Pairin Kitingan handed in the party's formal application to rejoin the BN to Dr Mahathir at his office in Putrajaya yesterday.

Pairin was blamed for pulling out PBS out of BN a week before polling in the 1990 general election to team up with Gagasan Rakyat comprising two opposition parties -- DAP and the now defunct Parti Melayu Semangat 46.

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