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PBS LOYALTY PLEDGE NECESSARY- NAJIB

PEKAN, Nov 18 (Bernama) -- The Parti Bersatu Sabah (PBS) should pledge to remain loyal to the Barisan Nasional under whatever circumstance if it wishes to be accepted back into the fold, Umno Vice President Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said today.

He said the PBS should convince the BN component parties that it had realised its mistake (of withdrawing from the BN in 1990) and would from now on remain loyal to the BN.

"In principle we welcome their joining the BN," he told reporters after presenting copies of the Quran to 58 mosques in the Pekan Parliamentary Constituency here.

PBS President Datuk Joseph Pairin Kitingan handed over the application to rejoin the BN to the Prime Minister and BN Chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in Putrajaya on Thursday.

Najib, who is also Defence Minister, said the Malaysian Armed Forces was ready to join a United Nations peacekeeping mission in Afghanistan if requested by the world body.

"We are prepared... there is no problem," he said.

Najib said Malaysia would continue to be active in UN peacekeeping missions.

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