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PBS remains unperturbed despite delay in decision

KOTA KINABALU, Wed. - Parti Bersatu Sabah is unperturbed although the Barisan Nasional has yet to make a decision on its application to rejoin the coalition which it left in 1990.

President Datuk Seri Joseph Pairin Kitingan said today he did not think there was any delay on the part of the BN leadership in deciding on the PBS application.

"I don't see any problem," he said.

He was speaking to reporters at the Hari Raya open house of Sabah Police Contingent Special Branch chief Datuk Baharom Ibrahim at Taman Ria in Jalan Lintas, near here.

Other dignitaries present included State Finance Minister and Sabah Umno liaison chief Datuk Musa Aman, Minister in the Chief Minister's Department Datuk Ghapur Salleh, Deputy Primary Industries Minister Datuk Anifah Aman and State police chief Datuk Ramli Yusuff.

After being in the Opposition for 11 years, the PBS is back in the reckoning and Hari Raya has provided its leadership the opportunity to renew ties and friendship with Government leaders.

Pairin and his deputy Dr Maximus Ongkili submitted the PBS application to rejoin the BN to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Nov 15.

Optimistic that the PBS would be accepted into the BN, Pairin said he was grateful and happy with the support expressed by BN component parties.

Pairin also said that the PBS' decision to apply for re-admission had been well-received by the people.

He said the people understood the situation and rationale behind the PBS' decision to return to the BN's fold.

"They (people) are actually happy with the development and we are touched by their positive response," Pairin said, adding that party leadership had been visiting the grassroots to explain the situation.

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