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PBS THANKS UMNO FOR SUPPORTING APPLICATION

KOTA KINABALU, Dec 8 (Bernama) -- Parti Bersatu Sabah (PBS) has expressed gratitude to the Umno leadership over the party's stand that it has no objection to the PBS' application to rejoin the Barisan Nasional (BN).

PBS Information chief, Henrynus Amin said the party also wished to express thanks to Prime Minister and Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for the support from Umno towards the application.

"We welcome the statement and we are very happy about it. We are thankful and we are looking forward for a positive outcome of the BN meeting," he told Bernama when contacted.

PBS' application to rejoin BN, the national coalition it left abruptly on the eve of the 1990 general election, was among the matters discussed at the Umno supreme council meeting yesterday.

Dr Mahathir told reporters after the meeting that Umno supreme council has no objection to the application.

Dr Mahathir also said that Umno's representative would convey the party's stand at the BN supreme council which would meet after Hari Raya Aidilfitri.

PBS vice president, Yunof Marinking also expressed the party's gratitude to the national and state Umno leaders for the positive response to PBS application to rejoin the BN.

"PBS is looking forward to contributing positively towards the development of the state and the country," he said.

PBS' formal application to rejoin the ruling coalition was handed over by its president, Datuk Joseph Pairin Kitingan, to Dr Mahathir who is BN chairman, in Putrajaya, last month.

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