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Supreme council member resigns

KOTA KINABALU, Sat. - A Parti Bersatu Sabah supreme council member, claiming that the PBS leadership had secretly planned the move to rejoin the Barisan Nasional, has resigned from the party.

Edmund Doudilim, who is also PBS Petagas division chairman, said he was resigning because he had lost confidence in the leadership of PBS president Datuk Seri Joseph Pairin Kitingan.

"I find the act (of the PBS leadership allegedly keeping the decision to rejoin the BN a secret) not only highly despicable but also an act of a hypocrisy of the highest order," he said in a statement.

Doudilim's resignation came just two days after Pairin submitted to Prime Minister and BN chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad the PBS application to rejoin the BN.

He claimed that the question of PBS rejoining the BN was never discussed during the party's various supreme council meetings, including the last one held on Oct 26.

Doudilim questioned the PBS for stripping the party membership of its Moyog division deputy head Peter Jaua and suspending the division's youth chief Arthur Disimon for allegedly planning to join a BN component party.

He said if action could be taken against Jaua and Disimon, similar action should also be taken against Pairin and party deputy president Dr Maximus Ongkili for planning to bring the PBS back into the BN fold.

"They accused people (Jaua and Disimon) of having a meeting to join the BN when they themselves (Pairin and Ongkili) are doing it," he said.

Doudilim said he had nothing against the move to join BN for as long as it was beneficial to the PBS members and the people of Sabah as a whole.

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