

07 DEC 2001

UMNO NO OBJECTION TO PBS' BID TO REJOIN BN

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 7 (Bernama) -- Umno has no objection to Parti Bersatu Sabah's (PBS) application to rejoin the Barisan Nasional (BN), Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

"The Umno Supreme Council (MT) meeting has discussed PBS' re-entry into BN, and MT has no objection," he told reporters after chairing an MT meeting here.

He said Umno's representatives would convey this stand to the BN Supreme Council which would meet after Hari Raya.

The BN Supreme Council meeting would decide on the PBS application, said Dr Mahathir, who is the Prime Minister and BN chairman.

PBS, which left the BN just before the 1990 general election, submitted its application to rejoin the coalition to Dr Mahathir last Nov 15.

Dr Mahathir also said the MT expressed its appreciation to the late Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah for his contributions to the country.

He said this would be conveyed to Sultan Salahuddin's son, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah, who is the Sultan of Selangor.

Sultan Salahuddin died last Nov 21 when he was the 11th Yang di-Pertuan Agong.

-- BERNAMA

SLR AKT YBY