

STAR willing to consider joining BN

KUCHING: The State Reform Party (STAR) has not ruled out the possibility of joining the ruling Barisan Nasional if the five-year-old party can be accepted "without prejudice" by Sarawak's BN component parties.

Its president, Dr Patau Rubis, said STAR had always been fighting for the rights of the people in line with the BN's aspirations.

"I never left the BN but since I was sacked by the (state) BN, then I have to look for other alternatives to continue my political career," he told Bernama yesterday.

Patau, who once served as senior vice-president of the now deregistered Sarawak National Party, said his party is willing to help the BN fight threats that could undermine the country.

Last week, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad issued an open invitation to opposition parties to join the BN to counter threats from external enemies.