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PBB-Appointment

SEC-GEN'S APPOINTMENT IS PRESIDENT'S PEROGATIVE

KUCHING, May 4 (Bernama) -- The appointment of Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu's (PBB) new secretary-general to replace Datuk Amar Leonard Linggi, who has retired, is the perogative of the party president.

PBB senior vice-president Datuk Sri Adenan Satem said today that its president and Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud had yet to decide on the matter at the moment.

"In the meantime Assistant Minister in the Chief Minister's Office, Bolhassan Di, who is deputy secretary-general is acting in the capacity," he told reporters after the PBB Supreme Council Meeting here.

He said the supreme council had recorded its appreciation to Linggi, who announced his retirement from active politics on Tuesday, for his services rendered to PBB for the past 26 years.

Describing Linggi, 62, as a "true gentleman", Adenan said the former had expressed his wish to give way to young people in his resignation letter.

"He had indicated his wish as far back as the last PBB triennial delegates convention (TDC) in 1998. We have no choice but to accept his wish reluctantly," he said.

He said the meeting, chaired by Abdul Taib, also discussed its preparation for the coming TDC to be held from July 7 to 9 at Damai Lagoon in Santubong, about 35 kilometres from here.

Over 1,000 delegates and observers from all 62 PBB divisions were expected to attend the TDC, he said. He said representatives from the Barisan Nasional (BN) component parties would also be invited to the convention, scheduled to be opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed.

A special committee was also set up, headed by State Assembly Speaker Datuk Asfia Awang Nassar, to consider amendements to the constitution so as to up-date it, he said.

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