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WONG HAS MADE POLITICAL MISTAKE, SAYS MAWAN

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 14 (Bernama) -- Former Sarawak Nasional Party's (Snap) president Datuk Amar James Wong committed a political mistake when he failed to resolve the party crisis which eventually led to the deregistration of the party, politician Datuk William Mawan Ikom said today.

Mawan, pro tem president of the newly-formed Sarawak Progressive Democratic Party (SPDP), said the biggest mistake Wong committed was when he did not listen to the voices of the majority of the grassroots.

He told reporters this at the Barisan Nasional (BN) headquarters here today where he and seven SPDP pro tem committee members submitted a copy of the party's application to join the state BN.

Mawan said the decision of the Registrar of the Societies (ROS) to deregister Snap on Nov 5 should be accepted as final and there was no point in challenging it as it was made after an investigation.

He hoped that Wong's faction would accept the decision and start afresh, especially when Prime Minister and BN chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had said that the deregistered Snap should be rehabilitated through a new party.

"If you opt to go to court, time is not on your side," Mawan said.

Asked what should be done by the Wong faction and other former Snap members, he said the most important thing was for them to toe the BN line and follow the guidelines that had been put in place all this while.

Saying that the SPDP was open to all, he invited all former Snap members, including those aligned to Wong, to join the party once it was accepted by the state BN.

He said a similar invitation had been extended to Wong and his son, Richard Wong, who is the state assemblyman for Limbang, "out of goodwill and friendship as we want to continue our struggle for the people in Sarawak and Malaysia in general."

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