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BUSINESSMEN, PROFESSIONALS APPOINTED PBDS SUPREME COUNCIL MEMBERS

KUCHING, June 27 (Bernama) -- Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak (PBDS) president Datuk Seri Daniel Tajem has appointed nine new supreme council members to replace the 10 whose appointments were withdrawn by Datuk Amar Leo Moggie when he resigned from the top party post on Wednesday.

Of the 10, three were reappointed by Tajem.

The trio are Belaga state assemblyman Stanley Ajang Batuk who is retained as secretary-general, member of parliament for Julau, Joseph Salang Gandum (treasurer-general) and Paul Kadang who is named the new PBDS publicity chief.

Those not reappointed are Datuk Dr James Masing, Dublin Unting, John Sikie Tayai, Jimmy Donald, Billy Abit Joo, Sim Lai Ang and Assan Ngang.

Six more were appointed and they took the oath before Tajem at the party headquarters in Tabuan Jaya near here.

They are Brandan Bujang (retired headmaster and businessman), Presley Siros (senior manager in a private firm), businessmen Stephen Randie Sekalai and Kisun Munang, Juro Brauh (bank officer), Ruis Jugah (engineer) and Mathew Sendal (company director).

Tajem said one more supreme council member will be appointed soon as the candidate had yet to indicate his acceptance of the appointment.

He said the new supreme council members were picked not only for their professionalism, good academic qualification and capability but also based on regional representation in the party.

"All appointments are within the terms of the constitution...with the provisions of the constitution," he said

Addressing the new supreme council members, Tajem said he hoped that they will serve the party with fairness.

He said the new supreme council will hold its first meeting on Sunday.

"Although the party constitution says that 14-day notice is required to call for the supreme council meeting but in view of urgency the constitution allows such a short notice," he said.

He said the main agenda of the first supreme council meeting under his leadership will be on the party's upcoming triennial delegates conference (TDC) scheduled for next month.

Tajem assured the people and other Sarawak Barisan Nasional (BN) component parties that the new PBDS leadership will cooperate with them to ensure continued political stability and development in the state.

"PBDS is committed to the politics of BN...to the politics of cooperation... the future of PBDS rests with BN and the future of the Dayak community is very much entangled to the aims and policies of BN," he said.

On Dr Masing's statement that his group did not recognise the termination of their appointments and the appointments of the new supreme council members, Tajem said he (Dr Masing) should look and study the party's constitution.

"They should refer to the constitution, I don't have much to say," he said.

Tajem also thanked Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his deputy Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi for their support in solving the party crisis.

"I would also like to express my thanks to Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud for his understanding," he added.

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