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PBDS submitting its reply to ROS' show cause letter today

KUCHING, Wed. - Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak will reply to the Registrar of Societies' show cause letter tomorrow, party executive secretary Douglas Alau said today.

PBDS president Datuk Seri Daniel Tajem will hand over the 650-page reply to the ROS Datuk Dahri Ibrahim in Kuala Lumpur. Accompanying him will be other party leaders including secretary-general Stanley Ajang Batok.

Alau said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi would each be given a copy of the reply.

A team of lawyers, led by Tajem, prepared the reply. It contains sworn statements from the chairmen or secretaries of the party's 29 branches whose status were questioned by the ROS.

The reply is in response to the show cause letter issued by Dahri to the party on Oct 6 why it should not be deregistered, with regard to the status of delegates from 29 branches who attended its July 26-27 triennial delegates conference in Santubong.

Tajem, who was returned unopposed as party president at the triennial delegates conference, received the letter when he was called by Home Ministry secretary-general Datuk Seri Aseh Che Mat to Kuala Lumpur.

In another letter, Dahri held that he could not accept the Bintulu triennial delegates conference on July 24 which "elected" former information chief Datuk Seri Dr James Masing as president.

The Bintulu conference, Dahri said, was not conducted in accordance with the party constitution.