

## **ROS explains delay in Pakatan's bid to form coalition**

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The application by Pakatan Rakyat to form a political coalition remains unprocessed after the component parties failed to notify the Registrar of Societies (ROS) on changes of leadership, says its director-general Abdul Rahman Othman.

NONEDescribing the application as "once upon a time", he said that Pakatan had submitted an application in 2009 to form a coalition but since then, three component parties had not notified ROS about the changes in its pro-tem committee.

"I have been telling this many times.

"They (Pakatan) must inform us (ROS) as they change their party leadership," Rahman (left) told a press conference today after handing over certificates to 20 new political parties in Putrajaya.

He added that ROS was waiting for the notification so as to process the application.

"After they (Pakatan) changed their leadership, they didn't do anything, so I don't know whether they still have any interest on that," said Abdul Rahman.

Asked if Pakatan's application had been rejected or delayed, Abdul Rahman stressed that it was "unprocessed" until Pakatan managed to submit documents to notify the changes of leadership.

Three out of 49 listed gangs complained to ROS

On the recent list on 49 secret societies announced by the Home Ministry, Abdul Rahman said that three associations on the list had lodged complaints to the ROS, claiming that they were not engaging in illegal activities.

However, Abdul Rahman refused to name the three gangs, saying that they were Chinese-based organisations, with two from Sabah and one from the peninsula.

"We have contacted the police to handle the complaints and to investigate the groups' activities thoroughly," he said.

He added that an announcement would be made to the public for clarification

should the three groups be found not to be involved in any secret societies activities.

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