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RoS wants more info on Dr M's party *the sun - 9/9/2016*

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PUTRAJAYA: The Registrar of Societies (RoS) said it requires more information before approving the registration of Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia (PPBM), a new political party led by former premier Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ahmad Zahid Hamidi (*pix*) said RoS would need to clarify several matters concerning the role of the party's president and chairman before approval can be granted.

The party, formed by several ex-Umno leaders and critics of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak, would not be allowed to promote itself as "Bersatu", and should instead use the PPBM acronym, Ahmad Zahid told a press conference after attending the Home

Ministry's monthly assembly.

Disgruntled political leaders, including former deputy prime minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and former Kedah menteri besar Datuk Seri Mukhriz Mahathir are part of the new party, formed as a platform to oppose the Najib-led government in the next polls.

RoS director-general Datuk Mohammad Razin Abdullah, who was also present at the press conference, said the party could face de-registration if it used the name "Bersatu".

He added that official approval would be issued as soon as PPBM provided the necessary information to the department.

In his speech, Ahmad Zahid also told "troublemakers" who tarnish the ministry's image to do so elsewhere. He said the ministry could not "afford to have such people".



Mohammad Razin shows the logo for Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia at a press conference during the Home Ministry monthly assembly in Putrajaya yesterday.