

**80 Former Beaufort PKR Leaders, Members Join BN  
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BEAUFORT, June 7 (Bernama) -- Eighty former Beaufort Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) leaders and members today joined Barisan Nasional at a special ceremony, here.

Former local PKR leader and candidate for the Beaufort parliamentary seat in the 12th general election, Lajim Yusoff, said the decision to join BN was based on their trust and confidence in the administrative leadership of Chief Minister Datuk Seri Musa Aman which had brought rapid development in various spheres to Sabah.

"We join BN because we believe it can really develop Sabah under the leadership of Datuk Seri Musa Aman, as we have been observing that all projects in Sabah including in Beaufort have been going on smoothly.

"We no longer trust the opposition party (PKR) which only dreams of ruling Sabah," he told reporters after handing in their Umno membership forms to Musa at the residence of Sabah Social Development and Consumer Affairs Minister Datuk Azizah Mohd Don in Kampung Limbawang.

Lajim who was with PKR for eight years, said while campaigning in the last general election, the national PKR leaders made various promises to the people of Beaufort but these had not been fulfilled until today.

He also said that he and his friends joined BN voluntarily upon realising that PKR had no clear direction in looking after the needs of the people.

Musa who welcomed their joining Umno and thanking them, said this showed they realised that only BN could seriously struggle for their interests, with the prime minister providing a huge development allocation for Sabah.

Earlier, in his speech, the Beaufort-born Musa said the state government planned to build a dam at the upper reaches of Sungai Padas in the districts of Keningau, Tenom and Beaufort to overcome the flood problem in Beaufort.

"The people in Sabah must make the right choice based on BN's good track record in serving the people, as it prioritises the people under the leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib," he added.

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