

**SPDP Buries Three-year Feud To Accept Sacked Four
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KUCHING, March 6 (Bernama) -- The Sarawak Progressive Democratic Party (SPDP) ended three years of feud with its four former senior members that it sacked for insubordination by accepting them back Thursday.

State assemblymen for Tasik Biru, Datuk Peter Nansian Ngusie, Datuk Sylvester Entri Muran (Marudi), Rosey Yunus (Bekenu) and Paulus Palu Gumbang (Batu Danau) were reinstated as members of SPDP with immediate effect, said Sarawak Chief Minister Tan Sri Adenan Satem.

Adenan, who had been instrumental to see the readmission of the four back into the party, said their return was historical and should come as a positive step and a good news for the Barisan Nasional (BN).

"They will just be ordinary members of SPDP. But come the next (SPDP) triennial delegates conference, they can contest (for positions in the party)," Adenan, who is also Sarawak BN chairman, told a press conference here.

Earlier, he received a courtesy call from the SPDP Supreme Council led by their president Tan Sri William Mawan Ikom.

Prior to being sacked from the party between 2011 and 2012, Nansian was a SPDP senior vice-president, with Entri and Rosey as vice-presidents and Paulus as assistant information chief.

Adenan also refused to commit himself on whether the four would be nominated again to contest in their present constituencies in the next state election due in 2016 by saying: "We will cross the bridge once we reach it."

Meanwhile, Mawan said former Mas Gading Member of Parliament, Datuk Dr Tiki Lafe who was sacked together with the four could not be reinstated immediately as the latter had contested against BN in the 13th general election.

However, he said Dr Tiki could submit his application separately to rejoin the party.

Dr Tiki, who was apparently disappointed for not being re-nominated to defend the Mas Gading seat, lost to BN newcomer Anthony Nogeh Gumbek in last year's election.

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