

## **PDI-P, NasDem Pact Compatible - Jusuf Kalla**

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JAKARTA, April 12 (Bernama) -- Former Indonesian vice-president Jusuf Kalla has described the pact between Nasional Demokrat Party (NasDem) and Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle (PDI-P) in the presidential race as compatible as the leaders of both parties have fostered good communications.

"Do you remember that when Surya Paloh was in Golkar together with me, Surya as advisory board chief was always in contact with PDI-P.

"He (Surya) has enhanced ties between Golkar and PDI-P," said Jusuf Kalla told reporters here Friday.

PDI-P is led by former Indonesian president Megawati Sukarnoputri while Surya Paloh is NasDem president.

On NasDem's bid to nominate him for the vice-presidency, Jusuf Kalla, who was former Golkar chairman, said the matter would be further discussed although he was ready for its in the interest of the country.

On the pact among PDI-P, NasDem and Parti Kebangkitan Bangsa (PKB) and a proposal to nominate him for the presidency, Jusuf Kalla said the matter had to be studied first.

"I have not talked to Cak Imin (PKB chairman Muhaimin Iskandar). It is not me who determine it. It is decided by Bu Mega, Pak Surya Paloh and Cak Imin," said Jusuf Kalla.

Previously, PKB has proposed to nominate Jusuf Kalla for the presidency in the 2014 presidential race set for July 9.

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