

Lajim's 'Harapan' party opposes use of word by other political groups
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KOTA KINABALU: Parti Harapan Rakyat Sabah (PHRS) has objected to the use of the abbreviation 'Harapan' (hope) by any other political organisation, saying it may confuse the public in Sabah.

Its president Lajim Ukin however said the party does not oppose the use of the word by non-governmental organisations, Bernama reported today.

Speaking at a press conference today, he urged the Registrar of Societies (ROS) to reject any application by political parties to register their names with 'Harapan' as a short form.

PHRS was formed as a state splinter of PKR in October last year.

On May 20, a group of former PKR leaders and members announced that they had submitted an application to the ROS in December last year to register a new party called Parti Harapan Malaysia (PHM).

PHM pro-tem vice-president Johari Musa said if ROS gives its approval, the opposition coalition Pakatan Harapan (PH) would have to remove the word 'Harapan' from its name

PH, which was founded in September 2015, currently comprises PKR, DAP, Amanah and PPBM.

It was formed to replace the Pakatan Rakyat which was terminated in June 2015 after a dispute between components DAP and PAS.

Meanwhile, Lajim also announced the admission of former United Pasokmomogun Kadazandusun Murut Organisation's (Upko) Labuan adviser Peter Kong into PHRS.

Kong has been appointed as PHRS' third deputy president to fill the party slot meant for an ethnic Chinese, he said.

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