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I'LL ACCEPT PM'S DECISION, SAYS SALLEH

KOTA KINABALU, May 1 (Bernama) -- Sabah Chief Minister Datuk Mohd Salleh Said Keruak said today he will accept with an open mind any decision made by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad relating to rotation of the Chief Minister's post.

He said he would wait for the implementation date.

"As I've stated before, we have given the mandate to the Prime Minister to decide," he said, commenting on Dr Mahathir's statement on the matter in Labuan today.

Salleh said that the important thing was to ensure that any change in the state's leadership would not adversely affect political stability so that rapid development continued.

"I've never dreamt of...the post. After being given the confidence (to be the Chief Minister), I serve with full commitment for the interest of the people," he added.

The proposal to rotate the Chief Minister's post among the three major communities in Sabah was announced by Dr Mahathir before the February 1994 state elections. --BERNAMA

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