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SABAH UMNO MEETS PM ON ROTATION OF CHIEF MINISTERSHIP ISSUE

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 13 (Bernama) -- Sabah Umno leaders met Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at his office here this morning regarding the issue of whether the Sabah chief ministership should be rotated among the three major communities in the state.

The delegation, led by Sabah Umno Liaison Committee deputy chief Datuk Osu Haji Sukam, met the prime minister for about one-and-a-half hours.

All the top leaders of Sabah Umno, except Liaison Committee Chairman Datuk Salleh Said Keruak, who is the Chief Minister, were present at the meeting, Osu told Bernama.

This is the first in a series of meetings Dr Mahathir is scheduled to hold separately with Sabah Barisan Nasional (BN) components on the matter.

The BN parties are leaving it to Dr Mahathir to make a final decision on whether to implement his pledge to rotate the post.

"Sabah Umno is confident that the Prime Minister will make a wise decision that will satisfy all parties in Sabah BN," he said.

The Umno Supreme Council last week also gave the mandate to Dr Mahathir to resolve the issue.

Sabah Umno, at its meeting in Kota Kinabalu last month, unanimously rejected the proposal to rotate the post which, if implemented, will likely see Sabah Progressive Party (SAPP) President Datuk Yong Teck Lee assuming the Chief Minister's post this March 17.

Osu will hold a press conference at his office this afternoon on Sabah Umno's meeting with Dr Mahathir, the BN chief. -- Bernama

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