

19 JAN 1996

Umno-rotation

SABAH UMNO YOUTH REJECTS ROTATION OF CHIEF MINISTER'S POST

KOTA KINABALU, Jan 19 (Bernama) -- Sabah Umno Youth today adopted a resolution rejecting the rotation of the Chief Minister's post as promised in the Sabah state elections in March 1994.

The resolution was passed at a special meeting attended by 17 of the 20 Umno Youth leaders in the state. The meeting also urged the Sabah Barisan Nasional (BN) to reject the move to rotate the post of Chief Minister.

Sabah Umno Youth vice-chairman Mohd Samlih Duaisin, who chaired the meeting, said they were disappointed with the state BN for failing to reach a decision on the matter at their meeting on Jan 8.

"Since the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has left the matter in their hands, they should reach a consensus or make a firm decision on it," he told reporters before leaving for Kuala Lumpur to attend an Umno meeting.

Acting Chief Minister Datuk Yong Teck Lee, who chaired the state BN's meeting last Monday, had said they failed to reach a consensus on the matter.

Mohd Samlih, who is also Political Secretary to the Chief Minister, said Sabah Umno Youth was of the view that since Umno is the backbone of the state BN government, the post should rightly be held by a leader from Umno.

The movement also asked the Umno Supreme Council to discuss the matter at its next meeting because the issue was also a national issue, he said.

--BERNAMA