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TWO SABAH BN COMPONENTS DECIDE TO LET PM HAVE FINAL SAY ON ROTATION

KOTA KINABALU, Jan 31 (Bernama) -- Two component parties in the Sabah Barisan Nasional (BN) today decided to let Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to have the final say on the proposed rotation of the Sabah Chief Minister's post.

Chief Minister Datuk Salleh Said Keruak said the parties concerned were Parti Bersatu Rakyat Sabah (PBRS) led by Deputy Chief Minister Datuk Joseph Kurup and Parti Demokratik Sabah (PDS) led by Tourism and Environment Development Minister Datuk Bernard Dompok.

Speaking to reporters after chairing the weekly state cabinet meeting here, Salleh who is also State BN Chairman, said both leaders had informed him about the matter today.

However, it was not disclosed whether the two parties had agreed to the rotation or otherwise.

Besides the PBRS and PDS, Sabah Umno had also decided to leave the matter to the Prime Minister to decide.

Yesterday the Prime Minister, who reiterated that the pledge to rotate the post would be implemented if there was no consensus from Sabah BN, said he had not received any suggestion or decision from the state BN on the rotation system.

Salleh said he expected other component parties of the Sabah BN to submit their views directly to Dr Mahathir, who is the national BN Chairman.

"As far as the Prime Minister is concerned, he is very consistent (on this matter), the pledge will be fulfilled unless there is a request from component parties to review it," he said.

He hoped that the people would not create a fuss about the matter.

"I have said what needs to be said and I leave the matter to the party's top leadership to decide. I believe that we must now ensure that political stability in the state was maintained and we should carry on with our work," he said. -- BERNAMA