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YONG RETURNS AFTER TALKS WITH PM

KOTA KINABALU, May 25 (Bernama) -- Sabah Chief Minister-designate Datuk Yong Teck Lee returned here today after talks with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in Kuala Lumpur.

Speaking to reporters at the airport here, he said all matters pertaining to his appointment as Sabah Chief Minister were discussed with the Prime Minister.

"The Prime Minister did not mention any date for my swearing-in .. we have to wait for further developments," he said.

Yong, 38, is the Member of Parliament for Gaya and President of the Sabah Progressive Party (SAPP).

Yong said he would discuss the transfer of power with Datuk Salleh Said Keruak who has tendered his resignation of Sabah Chief Minister to the Prime Minister under the rotation system.

Under the system the Chief Minister's post will be rotated among the Malays, Chinese and Kadazans, the dominant racial groups in Sabah, for a two-year term each. -- BERNAMA

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