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ANWAR SACKING A BIG SURPRISE TO SABAH- DOMPOK

KOTA KINABALU, Sept 3 (Bernama) -- Sabah Chief Minister Tan Sri Bernard Dompok said today the dismissal of Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim from his government posts has come as a big surprise to Sabah.

"Everybody still does not know the full background of the removal," he said..

"I think what has happened has come as a big surprise to all of us, and of course at the moment we do not know the full background of this turn of events," he said after opening a seminar on effective economic management policies and strategies here today.

Dompok said this when asked by reporters to comment on the removal of Anwar as Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday.

Dompok also said that what was important now was for the national leadership and the people to give the country solidarity to face the current economic problems.

"I think the announcement by the Prime Minister the last day or so on the solutions to the economic problems are positive moves, and is for the good of the country. The Prime Minister deserves the support of the people of Sabah in the actions that he is taking," he said.

When asked if Anwar's removal would affect the strength of the Barisan Nasional (BN), Dompok who is also the Sabah BN chairman said "it would be too soon to see whether the BN would be affected."

"It is too soon to say, but what I can see is, right now the Prime Minister is in charge of the country," he said.

Sabah Umno Chief Datuk Osu Sukam urged Umno members in the state to remain calm.

The action taken by the Prime Minister was in the national interest, he told Bernama.

Dr Mahathir must have considered all factors before taking the action, said Osu who is Sabah Deputy Chief Minister. He was previously Federal Minister of Land and Cooperative Development.

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