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Dompok to brief his Cabinet on meeting with PM

KOTA KINABALU, Wed. - Incoming Chief Minister Tan Sri Bernard Dompok said he had already discussed with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad issues and matters affecting the State that needs to be given priority.

Dompok, who will be sworn-in before Yang di-Pertua Negeri Tun Sakaran Dandai tomorrow as Sabah's 11th Chief Minister, said he will brief the State Cabinet on his discussion with the Prime Minister whom he met on Monday.

On the composition of his Cabinet line-up, Dompok, said:

"You will know (the new Cabinet) tomorrow."

He told reporters after the weekly Cabinet meeting at the State Assembly building in Likas that the new Cabinet will also take their oath of office before the Head of State tomorrow.

Except for the appointment of a new Cabinet Minister to fill up the vacancy created by the resignation of Datuk Yong Teck Lee, Dompok will likely retain the present Cabinet line-up.

Yong submitted his resignation, effective tomorrow, to Sakaran this morning.

His resignation was to pave the way for Dompok's appointment as Chief Minister under a system to rotate the post among the Muslim Bumiputera, non-Muslim Bumiputera and Chinese communities.

Dompok said the unique system to rotate the Chief Ministership had worked very well as it provided a chance for all the communities to lead the State Government.

He also said the State Barisan Nasional's preparation for the next State elections would not be affected despite the changes in the State leadership.

"What is happening here is only a change in the State BN leadership and the necessary preparation for the elections will continue," he said.

Dompok pledged to serve the people to the best of his ability.

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