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DOMPOK TO UNVEIL CABINET LINE-UP TOMORROW

KOTA KINABALU, May 27 (Bernama) -- Tan Sri Bernard Dompok, who will be sworn in as Sabah's 11th Chief Minister tomorrow, is expected to announce his new Cabinet line-up tomorrow.

He said the announcement would be made after the swearing-in ceremony at Istana Negeri at 10am.

On his meeting with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Monday, Dompok said he took the opportunity to thank Dr Mahathir for having the trust in him to head the state government and the Sabah Barisan Nasional (BN).

"I also discussed with him the issues to be given priority in Sabah," he told reporters after the weekly Cabinet meeting chaired by outgoing Chief Minister Datuk Yong Teck Lee.

Yong tendered his resignation letter as Chief Minister of Sabah to Yang Dipertua Negeri Tun Sakaran Dandai today which will be effective tomorrow.

On the state BN's plans to face the State Elections, which is due in nine months' time, Dompok, who is Parti Demokratik Sabah (PDS) president, said he would continue with the preparations which Yong had made during his two-year tenure as chief minister and state BN chief.

He also said the rotation of the chief ministership had worked very well in Sabah as it gave an opportunity for the three major communities -- muslim bumiputeras, the Chinese and non-muslim bumiputeras -- to head the state administration.

The rotation system was an election promise by the BN in the 1994 State Elections.

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