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Ghapur confirms quitting as Sabah Umno deputy chief

TAWAU, Mon. - Former Deputy Chief Minister Datuk Abdul Ghapur Salleh today confirmed reports that he has tendered his resignation as Sabah Umno deputy liaison committee chief.

He said his resignation letter was sent to State Umno liaison committee chief Datuk Osu Sukam three weeks ago but he has yet to receive a reply.

The Merotai State Assemblyman and Tawau Umno division head said it was only proper for him to relinquish the post as he was no longer a member of the State Cabinet.

Ghapur had declined to be re-appointed to the State Cabinet formed on May 28 under new Chief Minister Tan Sri Bernard Dompok.

His place as Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister has since been filled by Osu, who resigned as Federal Minister of Land and Co-operative Development to take up the posting.

"It is better that the post is held by someone who is part of the State or Federal leadership," Ghapur said, adding that there was a need for him to confirm the reports about his resignation to avoid confusion.

Asked if he had informed Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Ghapur said it was not necessary as it only involved the State Umno.

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