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GHAPUR WANTS TO STAY OUT OF GOVERNMENT

KOTA KINABALU, May 28 (Bernama) -- Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister in the Sabah Government led by Datuk Yong Teck Lee, Datuk Abdul Ghapur Salleh has requested that he be not reappointed to the state cabinet.

Speaking to reporters at Istana Negeri here, Ghapur said that had made the request to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Asked if Dr Mahathir had acceded to his wish, Ghapur said: "I think he has already agreed."

He was at Istana Negeri to attend the swearing-in of Tan Sri Bernard Dompok as the new Chief Minister of Sabah but did not stay on for the ceremony when the Yang Dipertua Negeri gave out letters of appointment or reappointment to the State Cabinet.

Ghapur said he would issue a statement next week on his decision not to seek reappointment to the Sabah Cabinet.

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