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Ghapur-Resignation

GHAPUR WITHDRAWS HIS RESIGANTION AS SABAH DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 2 (Bernama) -- Datuk Ghapur Salleh today withdrew his resignation as Sabah Deputy Chief Minister.

He announced his decision after meeting Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the Prime Minister's Department here.

Ghapur said that he met the Prime Minister over his decision to resign and on the advice given by him and Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, he had withdrawn his resignation from all posts.

He has also withdrawn his resignation as Sabah Finance Minister and deputy chairman of the Sabah Umno liaison committee.

Ghapur announced his resignation as Sabah Deputy Chief Minister on Dec 13, citing personal problems and his failure to carry out duties entrusted to him as a member of the state Cabinet.

However, in his meeting with Dr Mahathir on Dec 19, a day after his resignation took effect, he was asked to reconsider his decision to resign from all the posts.

"He told me a lot of things but I cannot reveal them to the Press...among them being the interests of the nation and the Sabah state," he said.

Ghapur said that he had intended to withdraw his resignation after the meeting with the Prime Minister.

"In fact, after I've seen the Prime Minister the other day, I immediately decided to go back but since he asked me to go on leave, I went on leave," he said.

"Only today, I managed to see him and tell him my decision," he said.

"At the moment, the Prime Minister and the Deputy Prime Minister have been informed of that...the rest probably will get this information from the media," he said.

Ghapur said that he would return to Sabah tonight to resume his duties tomorrow. -- BERNAMA

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