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I SENT RESIGNATION LETTER THREE WEEKS AGO- GHAPUR

TAWAU, Aug 3 (Bernama) -- Former Sabah Deputy Chief Minister Datuk Abdul Ghapur Salleh today confirmed that he submitted his resignation as state Umno deputy chief three weeks ago to state Umno head Datuk Osu Sukam.

"So far I have not received any reply to the resignation letter," he told reporters when asked about his resignation as the number two in the state Umno as reported in the newspapers.

"I resigned from the post as it should be held by someone serving in the state or Federal governments," he said.

Asked whether he informed party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad of his resignation, he said he did not as it involved only Sabah Umno.

"It is up to the state Umno leadership to inform the top leaders about it," he said.

Ghapur said he still remained as head of Tawau Umno Division through which he hoped to contribute to the party.

He felt it was important for the post to be filled quickly as the state election would be called at any time.

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