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Muruts want post in State Cabinet

KOTA KINABALU, Sat. - The Murut community should be represented in the State Cabinet should there be a reshuffle when Parti Demokratik Sabah president Tan Sri Bernard Dompok takes over as Chief Minister on Thursday.

Parti Bersatu Rakyat Sabah president Datuk Joseph Kurup, who made the call, said today the PBRS supreme council had discussed the matter and felt that the Murut community should be represented in the State Cabinet.

"Since the new Chief Minister is from the Kadazandusun community, the community is therefore well represented. Therefore, PBRS feels the Murut community should also be represented in the State Cabinet," he told a Press conference at his office.

Kurup said the party had discussed whether he or PBRS vice-president Datuk Adib Sigoh should represent the party in the Cabinet in the wake of a reshuffle.

He also welcomed Dompok's appointment as the new Chief Minister who will replace Datuk Yong Teck Lee under the rotation system implemented in Sabah in 1994.

"The PBRS supreme council has made a stand to support whoever becomes the Chief Minister. I congratulate Dompok on his appointment," he said.

Kurup, who is Deputy Chief Minister, said he was well prepared for Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's decision in selecting the Chief Minister to represent the non-Muslim Bumiputera community.

"I am even more happy now that the Kadazandusun community is being given the opportunity to lead the Barisan Nasional Government in Sabah."

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