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Sabah BN leaders happy with Yong's replacement

KOTA KINABALU, Thurs. - State Umno liaison secretary Datuk Yahya Hussin said Umno welcomes Parti Demokratik Sabah president Tan Sri Bernard Dompok as the new Chief Minister to replace Datuk Yong Teck Lee.

He said Umno would support Dompok's leadership to ensure that the State Barisan Nasional leadership remains strong.

Yahya, who is Communication and Works Minister, said Umno was sure that Dompok would lead the State well.

He hoped the people would support Dompok as the new Chief Minister.

Meanwhile, Angkatan Keadilan Rakyat Bersatu president Datuk Pandikar Amin Mulia said he was confident that Dompok would be able to carry out his duties as Chief Minister effectively.

"He has been a senior member of the State Cabinet for many years and has experience," Pandikar said.

PDS secretary-general Datuk Wences Anggang said he was confident that Dompok would be able to carry out his duties effectively.

Tenom deputy Umno chief Datuk Rubin Balang said Dompok was the right choice.

Sekong Assemblyman Datuk Nahalan Damsal, said the rotation of the Chief Minister's post, proposed by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and implemented when BN took over the State Government in March 1994, had now gone full circle with Dompok's appointment.

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