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ABDULLAH'S APPOINTMENT CAN ENHANCE SABAH UMNO'S POLLS PREPARATIONS

KOTA KINABALU, Jan 11 (Bernama) -- Sabah Umno chief Datuk Osu Sukam said today the appointment of Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi as the Deputy Prime Minister can help enhance the State Umno's preparations for the state election.

By naming Abdullah for the Number Two post in government, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had shown his sincerity in placing Umno's interests above all others, he said.

Sabah Umno would give full support to Abdullah, who is also Home Minister, he told reporters after chairing the state Umno liaison committee meeting, here.

Osu urged muslims in Sabah to continue their support for Umno and Barisan Nasional (BN) in the coming state elections, which must be held before March 18.

He advised them not to be carried away by tempting promises by opposition parties who were out to further their own interests.

"I'm confident Sabah muslims are matured and will not pawn their future," said Osu, who is Sabah Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister.

He said the BN government had succeeded in maintaining stability besides bringing development to Sabah since it took over the state administration in 1994.

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