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BN CANDIDATES TO BE KNOWN BEFORE MARCH 2

KOTA KINABALU, Feb 23 (Bernama) -- The list of Barisan Nasional (BN) candidates to contest in the upcoming state election will be made known before March 2, Sabah Chief Minister Tan Sri Bernard Dompok said today.

"Wait until just before nomination day," he said here today when asked to comment on the setting of dates for nomination and polling by the Election Commission.

The Election Commission has set nomination day on March 2 and polling days on March 12 and 13.

Asked if the list of candidates would be discussed with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad before being announced, Dompok said he would be discussing various issues with Dr Mahathir when he (Dompok) is in Kuala Lumpur tomorrow and Thursday.

"I will meet the Prime Minister as by coincidence, I will be attending the Conference of Rulers in Kuala Lumpur," he said.

Dompok, who is also the Sabah BN chairman, yesterday announced the dissolution of the state legislative assembly which paved the way for the ninth state election to be held.

On the BN manifesto, he said it would be announced soon.

"It will generally, reflect the continuity of the development policies and commitment of the BN in preparing the state and the people to face the challenges of the next century," he said.

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