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DOMPOK DESCRIBES APPOINTMENT AS AN HONOUR FOR KADAZANDUSUN

KOTA KINABALU, Dec 10 (Bernama) -- United Pasok Momogun Kadazandusun Organisation (Upko) president Tan Sri Bernard Dompok described his appointment as Minister in the Prime Minister's Department in the new federal cabinet line-up as an honour for the Kadazandusun community in Sabah.

He said the appointment would enable him to contribute more effectively to the people of Sabah, in particular the Kadazandusun community.

"My appointment as minister is a form of recognition given to the Kadazandusun community which had strongly supported the Barisan Nasional (BN) in the recent general election," he told reporters when met at his residence today.

Apart from Dompok, others from the community who were appointed were Land and Cooperative Development Minister Tan Sri Kasitah Gaddam and Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Entrepreneur Development Rizalman Abdullah.

Following the announcement, Dompok thanked Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for his appointment.

Meanwhile, Sabah Wanita Umno head Datuk Norjan Khan Bahadar said the addition of another minister from two to three from Sabah was a reflection of the Prime Minister's appreciation for the BN leadership in the state.

"We are proud because this is an appreciation by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for the credible leadership of the Sabah BN which was clearly proven during the state and parliamentary elections.

"Although we lost three of the 20 parliamentary seats, we succeeded in getting 17 more seats than we had expected," she said.

On women's representation in the cabinet, Norjan who is also Assistant Minister of Rural and Entrepreneur Development said she was happy with the new cabinet line-up as it reflected that women were given priority.

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