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Dompok says appointment 'an honour to Kadazandusun'

KOTA KINABALU, Sat. - United Pasok Momogun Kadazandusun Organisation (Upko) president Tan Sri Bernard Dompok, said his appointment as Minister in the Prime Minister's Department is an honour to the Kadazandusun people.

Dompok, who won the Kinabalu parliamentary seat in the general election, said his appointment was a recognition for the Kadazandusun community which supported the Barisan Nasional (BN).

"My appointment will allow me to contribute more effectively to the people of Sabah, especially the Kadazandusun," he said.

Other Kadazandusun leaders in the Cabinet line-up are Land and Cooperative Development Minister Tan Sri Kasitah Gaddam and Rizalman Abdullah who has been appointed parliamentary secretary at the Entrepreneur Development Ministry.

Three others from Sabah in the Federal Cabinet are Datuk Mohd Shafie Apdal (Defence Deputy Minister), Datuk Pandikar Amin Mulia (Minister in the Prime Minister's Department) and Datuk Anifah Aman (Primary Industries Deputy Minister).

Meanwhile, Rizalman said he was thankful to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Chief Minister Datuk Seri Osu Sukam for his appointment as parliamentary secretary at the Entrepreneur Development Ministry.

Rizalman, who won the Tenom seat from Radin Malleh of PBS, said his appointment was an honour for people living in the interior of Sabah, especially the people of Tenom.

He hopes to increase participation of locals in entrepreneur activities to boost their economic status through his role at the Entrepreneur Development Ministry.

"Participation by Sabah in entrepreneur activities is satisfactory at the moment, but we need to be at par with the level that entrepreneurs in the peninsula have reached."

He also said the new Cabinet line-up was a good one due to the combination of old and new faces.

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