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NO NEED FOR ROTATION SYSTEM, SAYS PBRs V-P

KOTA KINABALU, April 14 (Bernama) -- A senior leader of the Parti Bersatu Rakyat Sabah (PBRs), a Sabah Barisan Nasional (BN) component party, said there is no need for the rotation system of the Sabah Chief Minister's post.

PBRs vice-president Cyril Yansalang said the results of the March 12-13 ninth Sabah state election showed that the system had been rejected by the people, especially the Kadazandusun community.

"I have expressed my views to the party leadership at its supreme council meeting on March 27 and it is now up to the party leaders to decide," he told reporters here today.

Asked if his views reflected the party's position, Cyril said the PBRs party leaders were aware of his stand over the matter.

"The message is clear and that is the people wanted the system to be scrapped, so there is no point for us to push for the continuation of the system," he said.

The system of rotating the post every two years among leaders of the Muslim bumiputera community, Chinese and non-Muslim bumiputera was implemented by the BN state government in 1994.

The defeat of all but two Kadazandusun candidates of the BN in the recent state election has raised questions whether there is still a need for the system to be continued.

In the election, the BN won 31 out of the 48 state seats with the Parti Bersatu Sabah (PBS) winning 17.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had said that the government was prepared to review the system if that was what the people wanted.

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