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Osu to announce names of BN reps today

KOTA KINABALU, Wed. - Chief Minister Datuk Seri Osu Sukam said he will announce the names of Barisan Nasional candidates for the 20 parliamentary seats in Sabah tomorrow and it will include several new faces.

Osu, who is State Barisan Nasional chairman, said the announcement would be made in the presence of the presidents and liaison committee chairmen of the nine State BN component parties.

Speaking to reporters on his arrival here from Kuala Lumpur, he said the list was finalised after all heads of the State BN component parties had met with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

He said not all the nine State BN component parties would be allocated seats to contest.

The nine State BN component parties are Umno, Sabah Progressive Party (SAPP), United Pasok Momogun Kadazandusun Organisation (Upko), Liberal Democratic Party, Angkatan Keadilan Rakyat (Akar), Parti Bersatu Rakyat Sabah, Gerakan, MCA and MIC.

Of the 20 parliamentary seats in Sabah, 10 were held by Umno, two by SAPP, one each by Upko and LDP and the remaining six held by the opposition Parti Bersatu Sabah.

"I hope the parties not given seats and those who are not chosen as candidates will support whoever is fielded by the BN," Osu said.

Asked if any of the incumbent BN MPs would be dropped, he said when there were new faces, it meant some of the old faces would not be contesting.

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