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SABAH CABINET FINALISED, MIX OF OLD AND NEW FACES, SAYS OSU

KOTA KINABALU, March 19 (Bernama) -- The line-up of the new Sabah state Cabinet, set to be sworn in tomorrow, has been finalised and is made up of old and new faces, Chief Minister Datuk Osu Sukam said today.

Osu, when approached by reporters upon arriving here from the federal capital, however would not elaborate saying the full line-up would be announced tomorrow.

The new state cabinet is scheduled to be sworn in before the Yang Dipertua Negeri Tun Sakaran Dandai at Istana Negeri.

While in Kuala Lumpur, Osu met Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for an hour on Wednesday to discuss state administrative matters, including the new cabinet line-up.

Osu, who is also state Umno liaison chief, said the list of six nominated assemblymen had also been finalised and it would be announced after the appointment of the state cabinet.

"Barisan Nasional component parties have endorsed the list prepared in the spirit of cooperation and determination to bring about further development to the state," he said.

Osu was sworn in as chief minister last Monday, succeeding Tan Sri Bernard Dompok who lost in last week's state election.

The BN won 31 of the 48 State Legislative Assembly seats while the Parti Bersatu Sabah secured the remaining 17.

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