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SABAH: CONSENSUS REACHED ON LIST OF BN CANDIDATES

KOTA KINABALU, Feb 25 (Bernama) -- Chief Minister Tan Sri Bernard Dompok said today Sabah Barisan Nasional (BN) has reached concensus on the list of candidates for the March 12-13 state election.

The list however would only be announced on the eve of nominations which have been set for Tuesday, he told reporters upon arriving from Kuala Lumpur.

Asked whether he was happy with the distribution of seats among the seven BN parties contesting in the polls, Dompok, who is Sabah BN chairman, said: "As happy as can be."

The seven parties are Umno, Parti Demokratik Sabah (PDS), Sabah Progressive Party (SAPP), Akar, Parti Bersatu Rakyat Sabah (PBRS), Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) and MCA.

The leaders of the seven parties met Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir in Kuala Lumpur yesterday to finalise the seat allocation.

Two other Sabah BN components -- MIC and Gerakan -- would not be contesting in the elections.

On the BN manifesto for the election, Dompok said it would be unveiled later.

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