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SABAH HOPES FOR BIGGER CABINET REPRESENTATION

KOTA KINABALU, Dec 7 (Bernama) -- Various parties in Sabah wished to see a bigger state representation in the Federal Cabinet to be formed, said Chief Minister Datuk Osu Sukam.

"This wish has been conveyed to the Federal leadership and the decision is the prerogative of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad," he told reporters at the State Assembly lobby here today.

"The wish was conveyed when I met the Prime Minister yesterday in Putrajaya."

Asked if there would be more than two full ministers from Sabah, Osu, the Sabah Barisan Nasional (BN) chairman, said "let's just wait and see".

He said the State BN would abide by any decision reached by the Prime Minister.

Sabah traditionally has two Cabinet members.

In the previous Cabinet, Sabah's representatives were Land and Cooperative Development Minister Tan Sri Kasitah Gaddam and Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Pandikar Amin Mulia. Both were Senators.

Sabah also had two deputy ministers -- Datuk Shafie Apdal (Housing and Local Government) and Datuk Railey Jeffrey (Works).

Shafie won in the Semporna parliamentary constituency and Railey in Silam in the Nov 29 general election in which BN took 17 of the 20 parliamentary seats in the state.

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