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WOMEN'S WING TO MOVE MOTION TO ABOLISH CM ROTATION SYSTEM

PAPAR, April 30 (Bernama) -- The Papar Wanita Umno division will table a motion at the Papar Umno divisional delegates' meeting next month to abolish the present system of rotating chief ministership for Sabah, said state Wanita Umno chief Datuk Norjan Khan Bahadar.

She said that the 265 members who attended yesterday's meeting of the Papar Wanita Umno had unanimously adopted a resolution to abolish the system.

The Papar Umno divisional delegates' meeting is scheduled to be held at the Datuk Salleh Sulong Hall here on May 9.

Norjan Khan said in a statement today: " We're of the opinion that the chief minister should be picked from among state Barisan Nasional leaders whose party scored the most number of seats in the state election."

Norjan, who is also state Assistant Minister of Rural and Entrepreneur Development, opened yesterday's meeting of the Papar Wanita Umno division.

Norjan Khan said abolishing the rotation system would allow the ruling BN coalition to concentrate on carrying out developing programmes more effectively under a single leadership.

The system, mooted by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad before the 1994 state election, gave leaders of the main communities in Sabah - the Muslim Bumiputera, Chinese and the non-Muslim Bumiputera bukan Islam, the opportunity to lead the state government on a two-year rotation.

The system commenced with the appointment of Umno's Tan Sri (now Tun) Sakaran Dandai as chief minister in March 1994.

He was then succeeded by Datuk Salleh Tun Said in December the same year when Sakaran was appointed Yang Dipertua Negeri.

Salleh was later succeeded by Datuk Yong Teck Lee in May 1996, representing the Chinese community and afterwards by Tan Sri Bernard Dompok, representing the non-Muslim Bumiputera on May 28 last year.

After last month's state election, the Sabah Umno liaison chairman Datuk Osu Sukam, representing the Muslim Bumiputera, was made chief minister following's Dompok defeat in Moyog.

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