

# Dr M: People have no complaints about new formula

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KOTA KINABALU Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said yesterday that the people had no complaints about the revised two year Barisan Nasional Sabah chief minister rotation formula

They seem very very happy. No one raised any questions. I also met (Keningau and Tenom) Umno divisions and no questions were raised (about the formula) the Prime Minister told reporters yesterday.

Dr Mahathir, who ended his two day visit yesterday, said this when asked about the mood of the people with the new 2:1:1 rotation formula.

Explaining how the formula works, he said after incoming chief minister Datuk Chong Kah Kiat of the Liberal Democratic Party completes his two year term, it will go back to Umno for two years.

Then a non-Muslim bumiputra will take over to be followed by Umno again, Chinese and so on.

Chong and his 10 member Cabinet will be sworn in tomorrow before Yang di Per-

tua Negeri Tun Sakaran Dandai after a legal attempt by three businessmen to block the swearing in was shot down by the High Court on Saturday.

When asked why a Kadazan Dusun leader was not picked, Dr Mahathir said the community could not complain.

He said in the 1999 state elections they voted out Tan Sri Bernard Dompok who was their incumbent chief minister.

To a question on the make up of Chong's Cabinet, Dr Mahathir said that it would be up to Chong.

Chong meanwhile indicated that he would be bringing in a few new faces to his Cabinet.

Wait for Tuesday, we will try to get as many people involved, he said when asked how many new ministers will be brought in.

Earlier at the groundbreaking ceremony for a federal complex on a 20ha site given by the state government in Likas here, Dr Mahathir said Sabah was benefiting from the close co-operation between the state and Federal Government.