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EVERYONE FREE TO VOICE OPINION ON ROTATION SYSTEM, SAYS OSU

KOTA KINABALU, July 31 (Bernama) -- Sabah Chief Minister Datuk Osu Sukam said today everyone is free to voice his opinion on the system of rotating the chief minister's post among the three main communities in the state.

He said the people at the grassroots could convey their views on the matter through their respective state assemblymen.

"As for leaders of Barisan Nasional component parties, they can express their views in BN meetings or directly to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad," he told reporters after attending a wreath laying ceremony in conjunction with Warriors Day at the Tugu Peringatan here.

Osu, who is Sabah BN chairman, was asked to comment Dr Mahathir's statement in Sabah last week that it was up to the people of Sabah to decide whether the rotation system should be maintained or not.

Dr Mahathir, who is BN chairman, was the first to propose the rotation system during 1994 state elections.

Under the system, a leader from one of the three communities -- Muslim Bumiputeras, Chinese and non-Muslim Bumiputeras -- would be appointed as chief minister for a two-year term.

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