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LET S'WAK BN COMPONENTS SETTLE QUESTION OF UMNO'S ENTRY, SAYS OSU

KOTA KINABALU, Jan 21 (Bernama) -- Sabah Umno will not get involved in the issue of whether Umno should spread its wings to Sarawak, state Umno chief Datuk Osu Sukam said today.

"Actually we have never thought about this question. We should let our fellow Barisan Nasional (BN) components in Sarawak settle this matter," he told reporters after laying wreaths for war victims in Petagas, near here.

Osu, who is Sabah Chief Minister, said this when asked about Sabah Umno's stand on the question of whether Umno should enter Sarawak.

Osu said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had clearly stated that if Umno was to enter Sarawak it should be done for the good of everyone and not create problems.

"So we are holding to the stand of the Prime Minister in his capacity as Umno president," he said.

Recently former Sabah Chief Minister Datuk Harris Salleh said Sarawak leaders should not be hasty in dismissing the idea of Umno entering the state.

He said in a statement that Umno's entry could ensure political stability in Sarawak.

Yesterday, Sarawak BN Youth slammed Harris for his statement, saying it lacked credibility and was made with questionable motives.

Asked on talk that the state Cabinet would be reshuffled after the Chinese New Year next month, Osu said: "The matter has not crossed my mind."

He said also the state Cabinet would decide on Jan 26 whether or not to declare a holiday for Feb 2, the day Kota Kinabalu will be proclaimed a city.

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