

No one is unhappy with change in rotation system: PM

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Attempts to nullify CM's appointment 'frivolous'

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KOTA KINABALU Sun No one is complaining over the slight modification of the rotation system and the choice of Liberal Democratic Party president Datuk Chong Kah Kiat as the next chief minister Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said

He said he believes the people of Sabah have accepted the choice as no one had raised any objection Chong is due to be sworn in on Tuesday

They seem very happy They did not raise any problem at all Even when I met with Umno there was no question asked Mahathir said here today at the

end of his two day visit to Sabah

However Mahathir said the status of the rotation system depends on how the people respond to it

The Barisan Nasional will decide on the future of the rotation system when the time is right

He said the Kadazandusuns should not complain that a leader from their community was not picked because they did not vote in the incumbent chief minister a Kadazandusun in the 1999 state elections

United Pasokmomogun Kadazandusun and Murut Organisation (Upko) president Tan Sri Bernard Dompok was the incumbent who lost his seat in the elections

They (Kadazandusuns) still

voted for Pairin It was obvious Bernard was the choice but apparently Pairin was their likely chief minister so they voted for him Mahathir said

On the new Sabah cabinet line up under Chong Mahathir said it was up to the chief minister designate

He has discussed it with me and everybody else (BN component parties) he said

On the three businessmen's attempt to seek a court order to invalidate the rotation system and nullify the appointments of the chief minister Mahathir said the action was frivolous and without basis

They did it intentionally to create problems he said

The Kota Kinabalu High Court had dismissed their application