

Rotation system remains for now

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KOTA KINABALU: The two-year rotation of the Sabah chief minister's post among three main communities is on for now, the Prime Minister said yesterday.

"For now, the rotation system will be implemented," Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad told reporters when asked whether the rotation system would continue.

To a question on whether the next chief minister would be a representative from the Kadazandusun community, he replied: "If I say something now, *lain kali tiada cerita lagi.*"

Sabah Barisan circles have been speculating on who could be the next chief minister if the rotation system proceeds into its second cycle among the Muslims, Chinese and non-Muslim bumiputras.

Datuk Osu Sukam of Sabah Umno took over the post after the last state elections in March 1999 when then chief minister Tan Sri Bernard Dompok lost his Moyog seat after serving nine months of the Kadazandusun two-year term.

Asked who would replace Osu whose term ends in March, Dr Mahathir said he was still thinking about it.