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PM's decision on rotation system will benefit all: Osu

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KOTA KINABALU, Sat: The people's interest will form the basis of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's eagerly awaited decision on the Sabah Chief Minister's rotation system.

In saying this today, Chief Minister Datuk Seri Panglima Osu Sukam said all along the prime minister had made decisions for the benefit of the people, even to the extent of becoming the target of criticism.

This is because he takes into consideration the people's interest as a whole rather than that of one particular community, he said after launching the State-level International Year of Volunteers 2001 celebration here today.

"That has made it possible for our country to progress and be recognised internationally," he said, adding that in the light of this the Sabah BN has given Mahathir the mandate to decide on the rotation system and has agreed to abide by the decision.

He said the opportunity for all BN component parties to present their views on the system would enable Mahathir as the BN chairman to make a decision that can be accepted by everybody.

"We are not hoping for every party to present the same views, but whatever the views, we leave it to the prime minister to decide based on the feedback he received from the nine component parties," Osu added.

On his response to Mahathir's statement that the system creates lame ducks out of chief ministers, Osu said Mahathir said that after studying the matter and that he had his reasons for saying it.