

PM: SAPP should submit proposals

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KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. --- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today that the Sabah Progressive Party should submit its proposal on the new formula of the rotation system for the Chief Minister's post.

He said the present system for the Sabah Chief Minister post had been modified to give more dominance to Umno.

"If they (SAPP) want to study the system, they can do so. But we have modified the system."

Speaking at a Press conference after delivering a keynote address at the Seventh Conference of the Ministers of Endowments and Islamic Affairs today he said the system was modified due to Umno's position and role in Sabah adding that under the modified formula, the post would be held by the dominant party alternately.

The Prime Minister said this in response to SAPP's proposal for the State Barisan Nasional to adopt the Sarawak model of power-sharing as an alternative if the rotation system for the Chief Minister's post was scrapped.