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SAPP TO SUBMIT PROPOSAL ON ROTATION SYSTEM TO PM SOON

KOTA KINABALU, May 9 (Bernama) -- The Sabah Progressive Party (SAPP) will submit its proposal on a revised system of rotating the Sabah Chief Minister's post to the Prime Minister and Barisan Nasional (BN) chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, soon.

Its secretary-general Richard Yong said the party would present its views not only on the rotation system but also on a new formula for discussion among the State BN component parties.

Yesterday, Dr Mahathir said SAPP could submit its proposal on the system of rotating the Chief Minister's post to the BN.

Dr Mahathir had said that Umno being the biggest party was given preference but SAPP could submit its proposal if it wanted any other party to be given the post.

Richard said SAPP would also write officially to the Sabah BN Chairman calling for a state BN meeting to discuss the matter

On Saturday, SAPP president Datuk Yong Teck Lee had proposed that the Sabah BN adopt the Sarawak model of power-sharing as an alternative to the rotation system in the state.

In Sarawak, the Chief Minister's post is held by a Muslim Bumiputera while a Christian Bumiputera and a Chinese have been appointed Deputy Chief Ministers.

The rotation system was introduced in Sabah when the BN took over the state government in March 1994. It was to enable leaders from the Muslim Bumiputeras, Chinese and non-muslim Bumiputeras to be appointed Chief Minister for a two-year term.

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