

Sabahans to decide on rotation system

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KOTA KINABALU: A decision on whether to continue rotating the Sabah chief minister's post among the three major communities every two years depends on what the people want, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said.

He said that it would depend on the feelings of the Sabah people.

"If they are happy with the system then we will continue it. If they are not happy, then we have to change.

"We have to respond to the public, this is what democracy is all about.

"It's not a question of what I like. It's a question of whether the Sabah people

want it," Dr Mahathir said, when asked if the rotation system was still relevant with Parti Bersatu Sabah (PBS) back in the Barisan Nasional fold.

Barisan introduced the system of rotating the chief minister's post among the Muslim, non-Muslim bumiputra and Chinese communities when it came to power in 1994 following the collapse of the PBS government.

To a question on Kelantan Menteri Besar Nik Aziz Nik Mat saying that universities were producing graduates with poor moral values, Dr Mahathir said that he had seen a picture of an old man

wearing a skullcap, who had raped his grandchildren.

"I don't think he went to university and many of them are to be found in Kelantan," he added.

Dr Mahathir said educated Kelantanese usually go to Kuala Lumpur to work and "I don't think it's because of university."

"It's because PAS does not teach the proper Islam, it is the opposite of Islam. They say you cannot commit sodomy but if you sodomise your wife then it's all right," he told reporters after opening PBS' annual meeting here.