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SABAH UMNO AGREES WITH DR MAHATHIR'S VIEW ON RESIGNATION OFFERS

KOTA KINABALU, Jan 27 (Bernama) -- Sabah Umno Liaison Chief Datuk Musa Aman said Sabah Umno agreed with Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's view that it would be good if Umno elected representatives offered to resign in order to give Deputy Prime Minister a free hand to form his own line-up for the next general election.

The Prime Minister had said yesterday that the offers by several Umno leaders to resign in order to allow Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi to pick-up his line-up was a positive thing because it would give his successor room to rearrange things.

"What the Prime Minister is saying is that it is only right that Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi be allowed to pick those he feels can serve the party and the nation best as he (Abdullah) will be succeeding Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad as Prime Minister," he said.

Musa said Dr Mahathir's statement was made in sincerity and should not be misconstrued by anyone.

"It is a well-intended statement and should be viewed positively by all Umno members. The important thing is that we should all accept the fact that a party position or political appointment is not a permanent thing."

"We should be prepared to make it easier for the party leadership to carry on the Umno struggle," he said.

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