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Sabah-Rotation (Reaction)

BN LEADERS WELCOME ABOLITION OF ROTATION SYSTEM

KOTA KINABALU, March 27 (Bernama) -- Sabah Barisan Nasional component party heads today welcomed the abolition of the system of rotating the Sabah Chief Minister's post among the various communities, which was announced by the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi in Putrajaya.

The system of rotating the post among the Muslim Bumiputeras, Chinese and Non-Muslim Bumiputeras every two years was introduced by former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad in 1994.

Under the system Sabah has had seven Chief Ministers -- Tun Sakaran Dandai, Datuk Seri Mohd Salleh Said Keruak, Datuk Yong Teck Lee, Tan Sri Bernard Dompok, Datuk Osu Sukam, Datuk Chong Kah Kiat and Datuk Seri Musa Aman.

Chief Minister Datuk Seri Musa Aman said with the abolition of the system, Sabah could focus its attention on its development agenda.

He said: "I thank all the Barisan Nasional (BN) component parties in Sabah for agreeing to the system being scrapped...we can now concentrate our attention on bringing development to the state and its people."

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