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Dissolution no surprise to public

KOTA KINABALU, Mon. - The dissolution of the State Legislative Assembly today came as no surprise as the issue had been bandied about for some time.

Members of the public interviewed on the timing of the dissolution were generally of the opinion that it was expected.

Patrick Sindu, 45, president of the Consumers' Association of Sabah and Federal Territory Labuan said:

"I am not surprised that they (the Government) dissolved the State Assembly because its present term has ended and polls have to be called for to elect a new State Government."

He said voters should have absolute freedom in exercising their rights through the ballot box.

"All that consumers hope for from the newly-elected State Government is more tangible benefits to improve their livelihood," he said.

He added that the people faced problems from the high cost of living.

Light Nanis, 50, executive director of the DPBS Holdings Sdn Bhd, said the dissolution of the State Assembly was expected.

He said the State Assembly had to be dissolved to allow State elections to be held.

Following the three-day visit to Sabah by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, the State was rife with speculations on the dissolution of the Assembly.

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