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Osu's statement on logging welcomed

KOTA KINABALU, Thurs. - Lun Dayeh Cultural Association Sabah president Ricky Ganang has welcomed Chief Minister Datuk Osu Sukam's statement that logging activities which threatened water and food sources of nearby villagers should be viewed seriously.

Ganang today said the State Government should, however, keep to its word as the livelihood of the Lun Dayeh communities in Long Pasia and Long Mio depended on forest resources.

He said if the State Government failed to review logging in areas which would in turn affect the people in the long run, the association might appeal to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to intervene.

Osu when met after the weekly State Cabinet meeting yesterday was quoted as saying:

"If the implication (of logging activities) is widespread and not good for the people, we must do something about it ... we must address the problem of the people."

Osu also said if a licence was issued for logging in the area, the Government would review it and if an application had been made the Government might not approve it.

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