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ACTION AGAINST TEACHERS FOUND TO BE CAMPAIGNING, SAYS MUSA

GENTING HIGHLANDS, Sept 11 (Bernama) -- Education Minister Tan Sri Musa Mohamad said today action would be taken against teachers found to be campaigning in the coming Sarawak state election.

He said it did not matter whether they were campaigning for the ruling Barisan National (BN) or the opposition.

"It is against service regulations and action will be taken against them," he told reporters after Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Haji Ahmad Badawi presented his keynote address at the second series of the Premier Convention on National Education 2001 at the Institut Aminuddin Baki, here.

Musa said that so far the ministry did not receive any complaints about such involvement of teachers in Sarawak, which would go to the polls on Sept 27.

Nominations for the 62 seats in the state legislative assembly will be held on Sept 18.

On the government's move to monitor closely the activities of private religious schools, Musa said that since such schools were under the jurisdiction of the states, any move to tighten regulations must be done by the Attorney-General.

This was because it would involve studies on several legislations, including the Federal Constitution, he said.

Musa was commenting on statement made by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad that the government was looking into the possibility of tightening the law on such schools to prevent abuse of religion.

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