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MUSA AMAN APPOINTED SABAH UMNO CHIEF

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 28 (Bernama) -- Sabah Finance Minister Datuk Musa Aman has been appointed as the state's new Umno chief.

The decision was made at the Umno Supreme Council meeting here today chaired by Prime Minister and party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Dr Mahathir, who announced the decision at a press conference after the meeting, did not say when Musa would take over from present Sabah Umno chief Datuk Osu Sukam.

"We thank Datuk Osu (for his services) and we will convey our decision to Datuk Musa," he said.

Musa is currently Sabah Umno treasurer.

Dr Mahathir also announced the appointment of Defence Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak, a party vice-president, as Pahang Umno deputy chief replacing Information Minister Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob.

"We want Khalil to concentrate on the Information Ministry which we regard as very important and also on his work as (Umno) secretary-general because we will step up Umno's activities," he said.

"It doesn't mean that the Defence Minister is not that important," he added in jest.

Dr Mahathir also said that the Supreme Council was happy over the Barisan Nasional's victory in yesterday's sarawak state election.

It would send a letter to Sarawak BN chief Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud congratulating the state BN for the impressive win.

Dr Mahathir said the failure by PAS and Parti Keadilan Nasional to win any seat in the election was a good sign for the BN's future.

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