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Sabah-Election

MUSA TO MEET PM OVER ELECTION DATE

KOTA KINABALU, June 12 (Bernama) -- Sabah Chief Minister Datuk Musa Aman said today he will discuss with the Prime Minister the possible date for the next Sabah election.

"We will consider an appropriate date...state leaders will be meeting the Barisan Nasional Chairman Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to decide when the Sabah polls should be held," he told reporters here.

He said the Sabah state legislative assembly had already endorsed the additional 12 seats allocated to the state under the recent redelineation of electoral boundaries.

Sabah, now with 60 state seats following the redelineation, must call for the election at the latest by April 12 next year.

Musa, who is Sabah BN Chairman and Sabah Umno Chief was also asked to comment on the status of Bingkor assemblyman Datuk Dr Jeffrey Kitingan who was reported to have said that he would remain an "independent BN assemblyman" following the rejection of his application to join Umno.

Musa said that it was alright if Jeffrey "wanted to be friendly to the BN."

Asked whether the BN would recognise Jeffrey's position especially in terms of allocation of projects for Bingkor, Musa said that the BN would consider any such application submitted by him.

"It does not mean that we have to focus only on areas represented by the BN," he said.

Jeffrey, the former deputy president of Parti Bersatu Rakyat Sabah (PBRS) was reported in a local newspaper today as saying that he had rejected an offer to join the opposition.

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