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Sabah-Chief Minister

MUSA IS SABAH'S 13TH CHIEF MINISTER SINCE INDEPENDENCE

KOTA KINABALU, March 4 (Bernama) -- Datuk Musa Aman, 53, who was today named the successor to Datuk Chong Kah Kiat, will be the 13th Sabah Chief Minister since the state gained independence through Malaysia in 1963.

Musa, who is Sabah Umno chief and state Finance Minister, was named the next Chief Minister by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in Kuala Lumpur today.

He will take over from Chong when the latter's two-year term under the rotation system ends on March 27.

The late Tun Mohd Fuad Stephens was Sabah's first Chief Minister, and he was the only leader who had held the post on two occasions, from Sept 16, 1963 to Dec 31, 1964 and from April 14, 1976 to June 6, 1976, the day he was killed in an air crash in Sembulan, near here.

List of Sabah Chief Ministers:

1. Tun Mohd Fuad Stephens (Sept 16, 1963 to Dec 31, 1964, and from April 14, 1976 to June 6, 1976)
2. Tan Sri Peter Lo (Jan 1, 1965 to Jan 31, 1967)
3. Tun Datu Mustapha Datu Harun (May 11, 1967 to Oct 31, 1975)
4. Tun Mohd Said Keruak (Nov 1, 1975 to April 13, 1976)
5. Datuk Harris Salleh (June 7, 1976 to March 15, 1985)
6. Datuk Joseph Pairin Kitingan (April 22, 1985 to March 16, 1994)
7. Tun Sakaran Dandai (March 17, 1994 to Dec 27, 1994)
8. Datuk Salleh Tun Said (Dec 28, 1994 to May 27, 1996)
9. Datuk Yong Teck Lee (May 28, 1996 to May 27, 1998)
10. Tan Sri Bernard Dompok (May 28, 1998 to March 13, 1999)
11. Datuk Osu Sukam (March 14, 1999 to March 26, 2001)
12. Datuk Chong Kah Kiat (March 27, 2001 - March 2003)
13. Datuk Musa Aman (named as Chief Minister today).

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