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SABAH PREPARED FOR SIMULTANEOUS ELECTION- CHIEF MINISTER

KOTA KINABALU, June 22 (Bernama) -- Sabah whose state assembly's term expires in April 12 next year is prepared for a simultaneous election with the rest of the country, Chief Minister Datuk Musa Aman said.

He also noted that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had said that he did not want any election before he retired in October.

"We can hold the election at anytime. The important thing is we leave it to the leadership (Putrajaya)... if they want the election earlier, can also...we can hold it simultaneously also," he said.

Musa, who is Sabah Umno Chief, was responding to reporters' questions at the Kota Kinabalu International Airport on his return from Kuala Lumpur after attending the annual Umno General Assembly.

On the suggestion by the press that leaders of Sabah BN component parties might sponsor independents against the official BN candidates, Musa said this should not happen.

They should not do that but must abide by the leadership's decision...whoever was selected as the BN candidate for a particular constituency should have the full support of BN members, he said.

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