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SABAH UMNO TO ABIDE BY ANY DECISION ON ELECTION

KOTA KINABALU, Feb 6 (Bernama) -- Sabah Umno will abide by any decision by the Barisan Nasional (BN) leadership pertaining to the date of the next general election, said Sabah Umno liaison chairman Datuk Musa Aman.

"We will abide by and agree to the decision of the Prime Minister on the date of the election," Musa, who is Sabah Finance Minister, told reporters after receiving a cheque for RM3 million from a state-owned agency, Sabah Energy Corporation Sdn Bhd, today.

Musa was asked to comment on news reports today quoting Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad as having shot down speculation that the election would be called before he steps down in October this year.

Dr Mahathir was also reported to have said that the election date would be decided by his successor, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

Asked whether the state election would similarly be held after October, Musa said that it would be up to the BN leadership.

"When the time comes we will conduct the state election. I believe the Chief Minister will discuss with the other BN component parties and then, as the Sabah BN chairman, submit a proposal to the BN chairman," he said.

The Sabah state election must be held, at the latest, by April 2004.

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