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MALAYSIA POISED FOR GREATER EXCELLENCE UNDER PM- SABAH CM

KOTA KINABALU, Feb 7 (Bernama) -- Malaysia is poised for even greater excellence under the able leadership of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, Sabah Chief Minister Datuk Seri Musa Aman said today.

Congratulating the Prime Minister on his first 100 days in power, the Chief Minister said Abdullah's excellent performance and leadership augured well for the country's future.

"Expressing our undivided loyalty to the Prime Minister, we firmly believe that we will achieve even greater success," he said after attending a Sabah Umno Wanita seminar here.

Wanita Umno head Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz was among those who presented papers at the seminar.

Abdullah succeeded Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad as Malaysia's fifth Prime Minister on Oct 31 last year.

On his talks with Rafidah, the Chief Minister said they exchanged ideas on strengthening the Umno machinery and also about the likely candidates from Wanita Umno for the general election.

He said no decision had been made on the number of seats that would be allotted to Sabah Wanita Umno.

Commenting on the speech by Sabah Wanita Umno Chief Datuk Dayang Mahani Tun Pengiran Ahmad Raffae hoping that at least 10 per cent of the 60 state assembly seats would be allotted to Wanita, the Chief Minister said he would study the request.

Speaking at the seminar, the Chief Minister who is Sabah Umno head, stressed the importance of party members not becoming complacent over the perceived party strength.

The Chief Minister said party members should continue to work for the people.

Even though there was no major opposition party around to challenge the Sabah BN in the election, internal problems might crop up if there was no unity and solidarity, he said.

He urged the Wanita movement to be ready to guide and give explanations to the people on the voting process for the state and parliamentary elections if both were held simultaneously in the state.

"I do not know the date of the election or if it will be held simultaneously but if it is held together we have to explain the voting process," he said.

The mandate of the Sabah State Assembly ends on April 12.

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