

Musa Aman involved in 'Project IC', RCI told

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SABAH RCI Current Sabah Chief Minister Musa Aman also allegedly had a hand in 'Project IC', the royal commission of inquiry (RCI) was told today.

Dr Chong Eng Leong, a former Parti Bersatu Sabah (PBS) politician who authored a book about Project IC, claimed that Musa chaired a task force back in 1991 which was designed to register foreigners as Umno members after giving them citizenship.

suhakam roundtable kk sabah 020806 dr chong eng leong "When Umno first entered Sabah, this task force was formed, and the chief was none other but Musa Aman himself," Chong (left) said during proceedings today.

Similar to a claim made by Sabah opposition politician Jeffrey Kitingan yesterday at the RCI, Chong also said that the project IC exercise was done in order to increase the Muslim population in Sabah.

"This has nothing to do with race or religion. This is pure politics," he said, noting that a sharp increase in the Malay population in Sabah allowed Umno to take foothold of Sabah.

According to Chong, between 1970 and 2000, in a span of 30 years, the Malay population in Sabah saw a sharp growth rate of 1,552 percent.

This is almost 10 times the growth rate of the Kadasan, Dusun, and Murut native communities, and also significantly higher than the 344 percent growth posted by the Bajau community.

Chong said that this growth cannot be attributed to the rural Sabahans registering themselves late due to a previous lack of access to government offices.

"If that was true, why is there no sharp increase in the Kadazan, Dusun and Murut communities?" he asked.

"Why is the Malay population growing the highest?" he said.

He said that Umno had already "achieved its target" in boosting the population, because the state now has 33 Muslim-majority state seats, which is more than the

number of Chinese majority and non-Muslim bumiputra majority seats.

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