

Agong scheduled to appoint new Sabah governor tomorrow

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Summary

- Bernama schedule shows the king will be appointing the new Sabah governor tomorrow morning.
- Source confirms to Malaysiakini that Musa is scheduled to arrive in Sabah on Wednesday with a new “Tun” title.

The Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Sultan Ibrahim Sultan Iskandar, will be presenting the instrument of appointment to the new Sabah governor tomorrow.

According to the Bernama schedule, the ceremony will take place at Istana Negara tomorrow morning.

When contacted, Sabah PKR information chief Razeef Rakimin confirmed the appointment ceremony will take place tomorrow.

The new governor will replace Juhar Mahiruddin, whose term concludes on Dec

31, 2024.

Last week, Malaysiakini reported that former Sabah chief minister Musa Aman has emerged as the leading contender for the position.

Other candidates reportedly on the list include another former chief minister Joseph Pairin Kitingan and former Dewan Rakyat speaker Pandikar Amin Mulia.

While the state government hasn't officially made any announcement, sources told Malaysiakini that Musa will be the new governor and some had already started congratulating the former chief minister on the internet.

Meanwhile, Malaysiakini has sighted an official notification from the Sabah State Protocol Division addressed to the Malaysia Airport Authority in Kota Kinabalu regarding the scheduled arrival of Musa.

The letter referred to Musa, who currently holds the title "Tan Sri", as "Tun", a title typically held by governors.

According to the notice, Musa is expected to arrive in Kota Kinabalu this Wednesday morning. A source has confirmed the letter's authenticity to Malaysiakini.

The letter, signed by Shafaruddin Halide, director of ceremonies and protocol, requested preparations to be made in the VIP room for the arrival.

Musa's rise

Musa served as Sabah's chief minister from 2003 to 2018, under the BN administration.

He also played a key role in Sabah's political landscape during the 2018 general election.

Despite initial claims of a majority, his government fell after defections to the rival Warisan party, leading to the eventual rise of Shafie Apdal as chief minister.

He later faced 46 charges of corruption and money laundering linked to timber concessions in Sabah. However, Musa was acquitted in June 2020 after the charges were withdrawn following a prosecution application.

In 2020, Musa orchestrated a political coup against the Warisan-led government under Shafie. Claiming to have secured the support of a majority of state assemblypersons, Musa sought to reclaim power by presenting his case to the Sabah governor.

However, the attempted takeover ultimately failed when Shafie requested the dissolution of the state assembly, triggering a snap election.

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