

**Sabah illegal migrants 'causing great concern'**  
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KOTA KINABALU – Sabah Barisan Nasional (BN) components at its second meeting, Tuesday, viewed with great concern the issue of illegal immigrants in the State and that it needed a concrete solution.

State BN Chairman Datuk Seri Musa Aman said in view of this, leaders of all the State BN component parties would discuss the findings of the special laboratory on illegal immigrants.

"The State Cabinet has been briefed on the special laboratory and the findings will be discussed collectively by us (Sabah BN leaders)," he told reporters at Pacific Sutera, following the meeting.

It was conducted in family spirit and on the note that the next meeting could be held anywhere and anytime if there were urgent matters to be discussed.

Musa said the BN was determined to find a solution to the illegal immigrant issue in the State that saw many component leaders being very vocal on the matter recently.

The meeting also discussed the issue of land, especially reserve land occupied by locals. Musa briefed the leaders on the State Government policies on issuing communal titles to eligible locals and the plan to convert reserve land to state land.

Such an approach would enable the local people occupying forest reserve land to continue staying there after they were given collective titles.

"I explained that state agencies like SLDB and Sawit Kinabalu are only assisting in terms of providing infrastructure in the area concerned as well as capital for the hardcore poor to build their houses," he said.

Musa, who is also State Finance Minister, said the State Government don't want past mistakes to be repeated where the land was sold because the recipients didn't have the means to develop it.

"Now we will help and I also explained about the Communal Title that we created and give to those who have no land of which the priority is for those living near the land that we acquired," he said.

The meeting also agreed on setting up special committees within its ambit to discuss pressing issues and provide input similar to the practice by the BN Supreme Council where all the component parties are represented by all component parties.

"This will make it easier for us to address common issues," he said. - Daily Express

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