

Musa: I won't entertain Yong's call for debate
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SANDAKAN - Sabah Chief Minister Musa Aman (*picture*) said Thursday that he will not entertain Sabah Progressive Party (SAPP) Yong Teck Lee's call to him to a debate on autonomy for the state.

Speaking to reporters when making a visit to Kampung Karamunting near here, Musa said such a debate did not have any benefits.

Earlier Thursday, Yong had challenged Musa as head of the state government to a debate at the Hakka Association Hall here at noon on Sunday after Musa dismissed SAPP's campaign for the upcoming Batu Sapi by-election as outdated.

Musa, who is also the Barisan Nasional's election director for the by-election, said Yong was trying to flatter himself by calling for the debate.

"Who doesn't know Yong Teck Lee. When he was Chief Minister (of Sabah). He never mentioned anything about autonomy. All he wants is to become Chief Minister (again). I want to ask, did he ever come and visit Kampung Karamunting when he was chief minister," he said to shouts of "no" from those present.

Also present was the BN's candidate for the by-election, Linda Tsen Thau Lin.

Musa also reminded voters in Batu Sapi not to be taken in by the rhetoric of Yong and said it was only the BN that could look after the people's welfare.

He said Yong's "Sabah for Sabahan" campaign also went against Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak's 1Malaysia aspiration for all Malaysians.

Yong will face Linda Tsen and Parti Keadilan Rakyat's Ansari Abdullah in the Nov 4 by-election, which follows the death of Edmund Chong, husband of Linda Tsen, in a road accident on Oct 9. - Bernama

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