

Accept defeat gracefully, Musa tells Opposition
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KOTA KINABALU – Chief Minister Musa Aman has urged opposition parties, particularly the Sabah Progressive Party (SAPP) to accept defeat gracefully, in the just-concluded Batu Sapi Parliamentary by-election.

"(Opposition parties should) Accept defeat gracefully...after all, the general election is going to be held anytime," he told reporters when met at the state MIC Deepavali open house at the multipurpose hall of the Likas sport complex here today.

Musa, who is state Barisan Nasional (BN) chairman, was asked to comment on SAPP president Yong Teck Lee's statement yesterday that the party was weighing the option of filing an election petition, in view of many "evidences" of electoral offences it claimed to have obtained during the by-election.

"They are entitled to do whatever they want. But what we don't understand is that when they lost, they threw all kinds of accusations against us, like the use of money politics and dirty tactics.

"Had they won the by election....they would say they are clean," he said.

BN retained the Batu Sapi parliamentary seat when its candidate, Linda Tsen Thau Lin, won a three-corner fight with a majority of 6,359 votes.

Tsen, widow of MP Edmund Chong Ket, of Parti Bersatu Sabah (PBS), defeated her arch-rival Yong and Ansari Abdullah of Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR).

She polled 9,773 votes against Ansari's 3,414 and Yong's 2,031.

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