

MIC Sabah Believes Only BN Can Guarantee Religious Freedom
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KOTA KINABALU, Dec 2 (Bernama) -- The Sabah MIC believes that only the Barisan Nasional (BN) government can guarantee religious freedom to its people.

Sabah MIC chairman Datuk V. Jothi said this was clearly reflected in Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak's speech at the Umno general assembly yesterday, when he stated "Umno are not racist and the party cared for all Malaysians regardless of their racial and religious background."

Speaking at a function to hand over RM50,000 as a special allocation to the Pasupathinath Temple in Bukit Padang, near here tonight, he also thanked Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and Chief Minister Datuk Seri Musa Aman for demonstrating that they were truly leaders of all Malaysians by generously approving the special allocation to the temple.

Jothi said the RM50,000 special allocation to the Pasupathinath Temple was part of the RM400,000 federal grant approved by Deputy Prime Minister during the Sabah MIC Deepavali open house, here on Oct 30, this year.

He said MIC Sabah also noted the State government's initiative, under the able leadership of Musa, to approve a grant of RM40,000 to the Pasupathinath Temple.

Jothi said the allocation from both the state and federal government was clear proof that the BN advocated religious freedom in Malaysia.

"This is contrary to claims by certain quarters, especially the opposition, that other religions in the country are being oppressed. It is a fact that Malaysians, irrespective of their race and religion, have been living in peace and harmony all this while," he said.

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