

Musa Confident Sabahans Will Vote Wisely As In 13th GE
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KOTA KINABALU, Jan 10 (Bernama) -- Sabah Chief Minister Datuk Seri Musa Aman is confident Sabahans will vote wisely in the upcoming 13th general election (GE) just as they did in 2008.

"I believe the people of Sabah are wise enough to make their choice when the time comes," he told reporters after visiting the Information Ministry's Integrated Complex in Kepyayan near here Tuesday.

He was asked to comment on the Sarawak-based State Reform Party (Star) Sabah chapter headed by Parti Keadilan Rakyat (PKR) former vice-president Datuk Dr Jeffrey Kitingan, which was launched by Star president Dr Dripin Sakoi and party founder Dr Patau Rubis at the KDCA here hall on Friday.

Musa, who is also Sabah Barisan Nasional (BN) chairman, said the country practised democracy, whereby anyone could form their own political party.

In the 2008 GE, Sabah BN almost made a clean sweep, winning 24 of 25 parliamentary seats and 59 of 60 state seats; BN only lost in the Kota Kinabalu parliamentary constituency and Sri Tanjung state constituency.

On state-owned Sabah Air Aviation's proposal to become a full-fledged airline, Musa said it was still being studied and would be decided by the state cabinet.

Meanwhile, the chief minister said the state appreciated the federal government's gesture to provide the fully-equipped Information integrated complex for the ministry's local workforce, which he hoped would play an effective role as was expected of them by the community.

"That is why we gave a strategic site for the building, considering the importance of their role for us in Sabah," he said.

The complex costing around RM88 million will accommodate the offices of the Broadcasting Department, Information Department, Bernama, and Special Affairs Department (Jasa).

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