

**Freeze Issuance Of New MyKad In Sabah, Says SAPP
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KOTA KINABALU, Jan 4 (Bernama) -- The Sabah Progressive Party (SAPP) has proposed that the issuance of new MyKad be frozen until a royal commission of inquiry (RCI) is set up and conduct a cleaning-up of ICs issued through Project IC.

SAPP information Chief Chong Pit Fah said the National Registration Department (NRD) should stop the exercise that started this year to change the present MyKad with a new version.

"After all, it is not like the old MyKad is not usable anymore. If the NRD proceeds with the renewal exercise, it will only give the opportunity to those presently holding the MyKad acquired through dubious means to be issued with a better one.

"This is like giving them double endorsement...it is back to square one," he said in a statement, here, Wednesday.

Chong said if the issuance of the Native Certificate in Sabah had been frozen since 1984 due to abuse and existence of a syndicate to give ineligible people native status, then there should be no reason why the issuance of the new MyKad in Sabah cannot be frozen until the establishment of the RCI to investigate the matter, including cleaning up the electoral roll.

The NRD had early this week started to receive applications from people to change their MyKad to a new version that has better security features.

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