

Musa a key driver of economic growth
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The coalition also won 24 of 25 parliamentary seats.

Since he took office, Musa has made it his job to see that projects meant for the people reach their targets.

"My job, and the job of all of us in power here, is to improve the livelihoods of the people, both in urban and rural areas," he says.

Sabah has made marked social and economic progress, much of it attributed to successive BN governments.

Musa's focus has always been the state's economy, building infrastructure and public amenities, improving education facilities, managing concerns relating to illegal immigrants and helping the poor and needy, particularly the natives, who make up 25 per cent of Sabah's population and are traditional BN supporters.

Datuk Ronald Kiandee, the Umno MP for Beluran and deputy Dewan Rakyat speaker, believes that BN will be returned to power in Sabah in the current political environment.

"The politics of development is still a major factor in BN's success, especially in Kadasandusun and Murut areas," he says.

The state government is committed to spending RM4.04 billion on development programmes this year, the largest amount in the state's 48-year history.

Sabah has been cited for exemplary good governance and Musa is the "key driver" of economic growth and development in the state.

The Sabah Development Corridor, launched in 2008, has also begun to yield results with investment commitments exceeding RM63 billion, of which more than RM16 billion have been realised.

Sabah is among the top states for sound financial management, given a clean bill of health by the auditor-general for the last 11 consecutive years.

The state also received the highest rating of "AAA" from RAM Rating Services for the last three years for its strong fiscal position as a result of a series of surpluses and accumulation of reserves.

It has also obtained ISO certification from Moody's International for efficiency and budget management for three consecutive years.

Though confident that Sabahans will not vote on the basis of sentiment, emotion or nostalgia, Musa wants his team to continue serving the people to cement their faith in BN.

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