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Sabah Leaders Hail Inquiry Commission On Illegal Immigrant Issue

KOTA KINABALU, June 1 (Bernama) -- Several Sabah leaders hailed the setting up of a royal commission of inquiry to probe the issue of illegal immigrants in the state, with some describing it as a most welcome "Kaamatan" (harvest) festival gift.

The positive feedback for the setting up of the RCI, announced earlier Friday by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, came from Sabah Umno, Parti Bersatu Sabah (PBS), United Pasokmomogun Kadazandusun Organisation (UPKO) and Sabah MIC.

Sabah Umno deputy liaison chief Datuk Seri Salleh Said Keruak described the RCI as a precious Kaamatan gift for the people of Sabah and said it showed the government's seriousness in wanting to solve the perennial illegal immigrant problem once and for all.

"I believe every section of society in the state would be very happy with this announcement and I hope Sabahans will accept the decision with an open heart," he told Bernama.

PBS deputy president Datuk Seri Dr Maximus Ongkili, hailing the RCI establishment as "much welcome news for the people of Sabah", said the people of the state had been eagerly waiting for the announcement.

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