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Build more affordable housing: CM

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Kota Kinabalu: Chief Minister Datuk Seri Musa Aman wants more affordable housing to be built in Sabah as the escalating cost of housing is becoming increasingly burdensome to the people.

He said the cost of housing in Sabah was so high that in some instances, the prices surpassed those in Kuala Lumpur.

"The people are not happy because it is increasingly difficult for them to own affordable housing," he said.

He said regardless of whether it was private or public housing development the people still blamed the Government over the rising cost.

Musa, who is also Finance Minister, said this during a courtesy call by the committee members of Sabah Housing and Real Estate Developer Association (Shareda) led by its President, Chew Sang Hai, at his official Sri Gaya residence, here, Thursday.

He, therefore, wanted Shareda to play a more aggressive role in mitigating the rising cost of housing in the State.

"While I understand that developers need to make a profit, they must also be reasonable and think of the plight of the people," he said.

He said if Shareda members were to initiate more affordable housing projects, it would be an agent of change in assisting the people in Sabah to own decent affordable homes.

During the call, Chew, on behalf of Shareda, extended an invitation to Musa to launch the Sabah Housing Property Exhibition and CEO Roundtable Conference to be held this August 26.