‘Set up national security institutions in LD’

AN assemblyman proposed that national security-based educational institutions be set up in Lahad Datu.

Datuk Mohd Yusop Apdal (BN-Lahad Datu) said the Government should consider building a police academy, military college, police training centre, army training Centre, maritime security academy, oceanograph college or navy academy in the area which now carries an episode of black history in the country’s annals following the Kampung Tanduo incursion last year by terrorists from the Southern Philippines.

“The existence of such institutions there would also even out Sabah’s development phase. We all know that branches of public higher learning institutions and training centres already exist in Keningau, Beaufort, Papar, Kota Belud, Tuaran, Kudat, Ranau, Sandakan and Tawau,” he said while debating the motion of thanks on the Sabah Yang Dipertua Negeri’s address, here.

Mohd Yusop opined that the materialisation of the idea, framed in a holistic approach, would help to discourage migration of the local youths and talents elsewhere in search of better academic or employment opportunities.

He further proposed the setting up of a Universiti Malaysia Sabah, Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) or Universiti Kolej Yayasan Sabah branch, or a Teachers’ Institute or Islamic propagation training institute in Lahad Datu. – CM