

**SLS Leave Application To Pursue Sabah's Right To 40% Entitlement for the "Lost Years
" (1974-2021)**

The Court of Appeal fixed today 24th May 2024) to inform the parties when their Lordships' decision will be delivered. At today's case management which was done via Zoom, the Court's Deputy Registrar, Puan Norhamizah, informed that the decision will be given on 18 June, 2024.

The Deputy Registrar also informed the parties that the State Attorney-General's (SAG) letter dated 23 May 2024 to the Court has been brought to the attention of the Honourable Judges. In the said letter, the SAG informed that her Chambers will be taking over the conduct of this case for and on behalf of the State Government of Sabah and also informed the State Government's position clearly, which are:

1. Since the State Government did not appeal the High Court leave decision dated 11 November 2022, it accepted that decision so that the merits of the case could be ventilated at the substantive hearing of this judicial review;
2. the state government retracted their submissions at the appellate court hearing on the issue of the locus standi of SLS as the State Government did not submit on this issue at the High Court; and
3. the State Government also retracted its submission in relation to Articles 112C and 112D of the Federal Constitution as being "an aspiration" and not a mandatory or absolute right.

It was stated that this position can be confirmed by the SAG in person if the Court required her to do so.

SLS welcomes this latest development and is supportive of this latest position which is in line with the recent statement by YAB Chief Minister. SLS appreciates the moral support from everyone including members of the public that have engaged in this cause.

The decision on 18th June 2024, will determine whether SLS can continue to pursue Sabah's right to the 40% Entitlement for the Lost Years (1974 to 2021).

SLS trusts and respectfully submits to the discernment of the court to arrive at the necessary and just decision.

SLS remains non partisan, and independent of any political party.

**Mohamed Nazim bin Maduarin
President**