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A government-in-exile is a political body formed outside its homeland by individuals or representatives who seek to speak and act on behalf of a nation or people whose full political rights, sovereignty, or self-government are regarded as denied, obstructed, or unresolved.

Such a body does not merely exist as a symbol. In many cases, it serves as a platform to preserve national identity, coordinate advocacy, engage in diplomatic communication, document historical and legal claims, and prepare governance ideas for a future political settlement or transition.

In the case of RSNB-GiE, the Government-in-Exile serves as a structured national platform to represent Sabah's political cause, advance peaceful international engagement, and help prepare the intellectual and organisational foundations required for a future democratic outcome.

What RSNB-GiE Does in This Role

Its role includes:

• preserving Sabah's national identity and political cause

• educating the public and the international community

• organising peaceful advocacy and strategic outreach

• documenting the historical, legal, and political basis of Sabah's case

• encouraging responsible discussion on governance, nation-building, and future state institutions

• helping prepare the intellectual and organisational foundations for future self-government RSNB-GiE therefore functions as a vehicle of national representation, political purpose, and longterm preparation.

What This Does Not Mean

A government-in-exile does not derive its seriousness from force. Its value lies in representation, continuity, preparedness, and the disciplined advancement of a national cause through lawful and peaceful means. In this sense, RSNB-GiE exists to help transform aspiration into organised effort, and organised effort into a credible path toward a future democratic outcome.

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