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ANOTHER EIGHT KEDAH ASSEMBLY MEMBERS MEET PM

KUALA LUMPUR, May 9 (Bernama) -- Another eight Kedah assembly members, including Speaker Datuk Zainol Md Isa, met Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today, bringing to 19 the number from Umno who have done so since Tuesday.

Like the assembly members before them, today's group also pledged their support for whoever the Prime Minister decides to appoint as the new Menteri Besar to replace Tan Sri Osman Aroff who has resigned.

Four of them met Dr Mahathir individually in the morning. They are Zainol (Kupang), Deputy Speaker Ghazali Ibrahim (Pedu), Kubang Pasu division Wanita chief Hajah Barishah Saad (Tunjang) and Hajah Fatimah Ismail (Sungai Tiang).

Another four, who went in the afternoon, are Shaik Alias Mustafa (Langgar), Abdul Rahman Ariffin (Ayer Hitam), Mohd Jamil Idross (Pengkalan Kundur) and Mohd Hadzir Ismail (Kuala Ketil).

Dr Mahathir announced on Monday that Osman had submitted his resignation letter.

Zainol told reporters that the appointment of the Menteri Besar is the prerogative of the Prime Minister and he would leave the decision to him.

Barishah also said she would leave the appointment of the new Menteri Besar to the wisdom of Dr Mahathir.

Yesterday, four Kedah assembly members met Dr Mahathir while another seven assembly members and 11 Members of Parliament did so on Tuesday.

They have all pledged to abide by the Prime Minister's decision in the matter.

Several more Kedah assembly members from Umno are expected to see Dr Mahathir tomorrow.

Kedah Umno has 26 members in the state assembly. -- BERNAMA
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