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FIVE KEDAH EXCO MEMBERS PLEDGE SUPPORT FOR SANUSI

ALOR SETAR, June 11 (Bernama) -- Five of the eight Kedah state Exco members who were contacted today have expressed their willingness to serve under the new Menteri Besar as long as their services are needed.

State Public Utilities and Communication Committee chairman Datuk Abdul Rahman Ibrahim pledged to cooperate with newly appointed Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Sanusi Junid and support his administration of the state.

He said there was no question of him rejecting Sanusi's leadership because as an elected representative he would support anybody appointed by the Prime Minister.

"I will continue working and not betray those who chose me to be their representative," he said.

Asked on his earlier stand to reject moves to replace Tan Sri Haji Osman Aroff with Sanusi as Menteri Besar, Abdul Rahman said he had explained his action to the Prime Minister.

The issue had been settled and everybody now supported Sanusi, said Abdul Rahman, the state assemblyman for Tanjung Seri who was among 22 assemblymen who signed a memorandum rejecting Sanusi's leadership.

State Local Government and Information Committee chairman Abdullah Hasnan Kamaruddin said he would continue to serve the state government so long as his services were required.

State Agriculture and Rural Development Committee chairman Abdul Razak Hashim also expressed the same sentiment.

Abdul Razak said he had no problems working with anyone chosen to lead the state government.

State Religious Committee chairman Sheikh Alias Mustafa said he abided by the decision of Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and was willing to remain in his portfolio.

State Health and Social Development Committee chairman V. Saravanan said he would extend his cooperation to Sanusi.

State Housing and Industrial Development Committee chairman Datuk Beh Heng Seong; State Education, Youth and Sports Development Committee chairman Abdul Rahman Ariffin and State Culture, Art and Tourism Development Committee chairman Datuk Syed Razak Syed Zain could not be contacted for comment.

Sanusi said yesterday that he would have no problem working with the present Exco members. -- BERNAMA

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